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Crowd of 5425 Gathers at Interstake Center

Two Apostles Join Meeting Of Thanksgiving

It was a "day of thanksgiving" for members of the Church in Oakland-Berkeley, Walnut Creek and Hayward stakes. It was the realization of a dream that started some 20 years ago.

With two members of the Council of the Twelve attending, 5425 persons from the three stakes, plus leaders from neighboring stakes, gathered at the newly-completed East Bay Interstake Center Sunday, Jan. 25 to offer thanks for completion of the magnificent building on Temple Hill in East Oakland.

"This is our thanksgiving service," said President O. Leslie Stone of Oakland-Berkeley Stake, chairman of the building committee. "Our dedication service will come later, when the building is paid for."

President Stone told the audience that only 31 per cent of the funds for the $1.9 million building are yet to be raised. He also informed the group, which completely filled the auditorium, the recreation hall, the stage, ward building and baptistry, that a contract has been signed for construction of a three-manual, 65-rank pipe organ for the building, to be finished in about 16 months. "It will be one of the best in the entire Bay Area."

Both Elder Petersen and Elder Richards, who attended groundbreaking services for the structure July 20, 1957, stressed the spiritual factors that would result from the use of the building.

"This is a time to pledge further dedication to our faith," said Elder Petersen. "This Church building is a manifestation that there has been a new revelation," he said, and for the benefit of non-members and investigators, detailed the story of Joseph Smith and the marvelous visitations that resulted in founding of the Church.

"Our program for boys and girls requires that we have facilities; therefore we build buildings. This, though, is more than a facility, it is a testimony. Is it any wonder, then, that we sing, 'We thank thee O God, for a prophet'?"

He also told Church members that when they come into the building they should be reminded of their covenants of obedience to the Lord. He said that it should remind us that not only should we pay our tithes and offerings, but should live clean lives and maintain all the Church standards.

Elder Richards, praising the leaders of the three stakes, past and present, for bringing the project to fruition, declared that buildings of Zion may be refuges from storm and attacks.

"The building of Zion and her stakes 'may be for a defense, and for a refuge from the storm,'" he said.

"I believe we have an urgent obligation to defend against present enemies. These enemies are here, so entrenched in our society as to threaten the very foundations—economic, moral and spiritual—upon which it is built. These . . . points of attack . . . both open and insidious . . . are inspired by the

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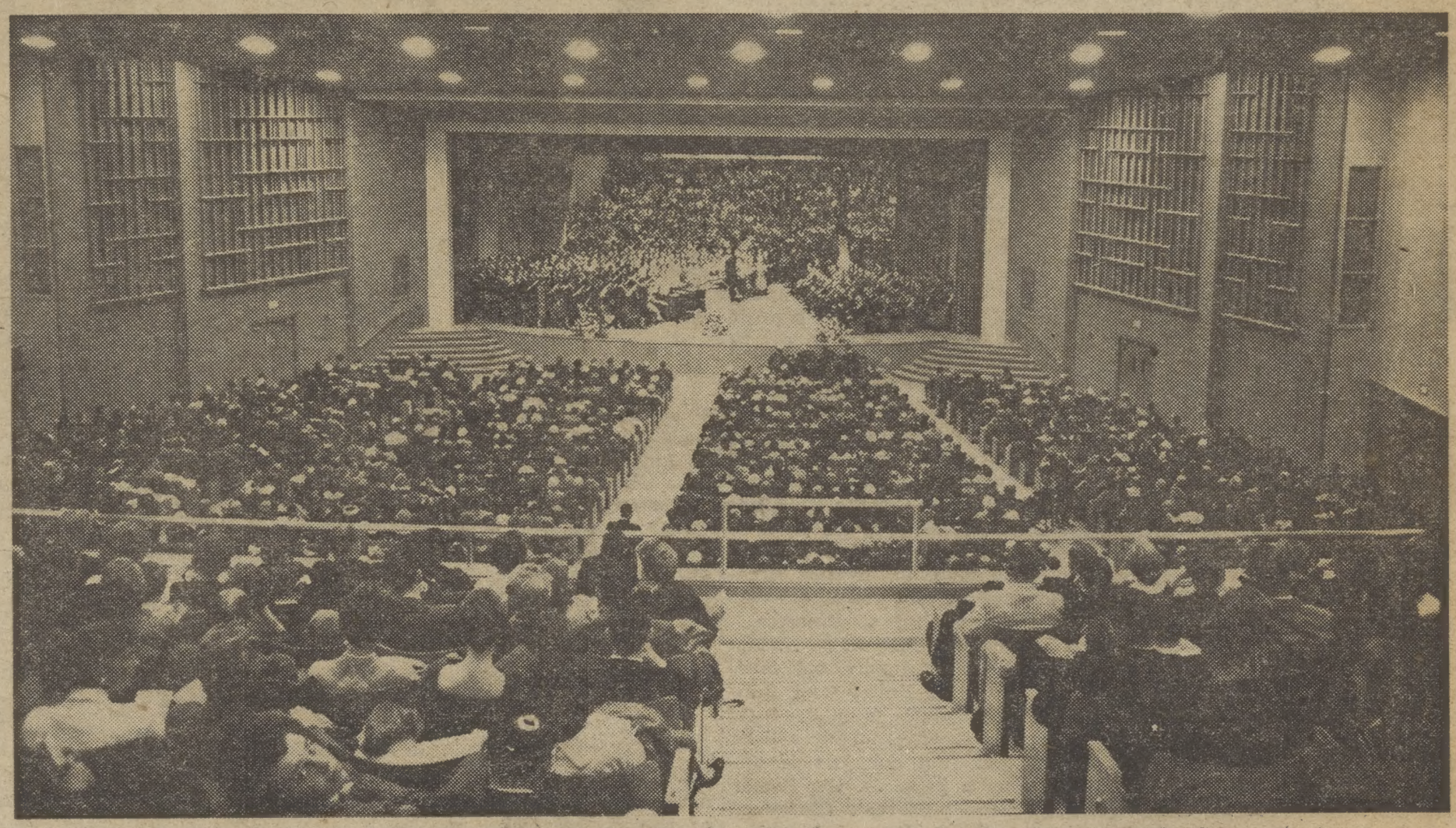


PART OF THE CROWD OF 5425 Latter-day Saints and their friends which thronged to the East Bay Interstake Center Sunday, Jan. 25, is shown in this photo, taken from the balcony of the main auditorium. The augmented Walnut Creek Stake Choir is at center, left, on stage, and regional and general Church leaders, on the right. In the rear can be seen part of the crowd seated in the social center portion of the huge building. Others sat in the spacious baptistry and the Oakland and Oakland Third Wards chapel at extreme rear. —Photo by Ed Pyle.

Young Orators To Take Part in Liahona Contest

A special call is now going forth to all aspiring young LDS men and women up to age 25 in the three East Bay area stakes to tell the story of Mormon contributions to California history.

The winning orator will be the guest youth speaker before the Liahona Club's annual Ladies Night Banquet to be held at the Oakland Ward's new chapel on Temple Hill Monday evening March 15 at 7 p.m.

The winner will be awarded his or her choice of a $25 basic LDS library, each volume gold stamped with the winner's name. Competing speeches will be judged by three professional speech judges Wednesday March 10 at the chapel mentioned above at 7:30.

Walnut Creek Stake Grows Fast; Big New Building Program Ahead

Walnut Creek Stake, now growing at a tremendous rate, faces the start of a great new building program within the next two years.

That information was given to members at the quarterly conference by Stake President Norman B. Creer, who said that membership was 5591 as of Jan. 1, an increase of 1293 since the stake was organized two and a half years ago.

At this rate of growth, President Creer predicted that several new chapels will be started by 1961 and possibly by next year. Among ward chapels in prospect are Concord, Lafayette-Orinda, Martinez, Pleasant Hill and later Pittsburg and Rodeo.

These are in view for the immediate future, said President Creer, although no dates have been set.

Members were given this information at the morning session, held at the new East Bay Interstake Center, and in the afternoon conjoint meeting the president said that "we will be building all of our lives."

He pointed out that where there is a ward division, those who go to the new ward take with them a portion of the building fund, so they "don't start broke." At the same time, this gives people of the parent ward a chance to participate indirectly in the building program.

At the priesthood session held Saturday evening Elder Mark E. Petersen of the Council of the Twelve declared that "science is abolishing atheism." He quoted Robert A. Millikan as saying "I've never met a thinking man who didn't believe in God" and quoted J. Edgar Hoover in his remark that "both crime and communism could be cured by faith."

Elder Peterson udged parents to keep children close to the Church as a means of minimizing delinquency, declaring that there is a positive correlation between delinquency and parents' lack of Church activity. "Where there are delinquent children, you find inactive parents."

What A Boy Does Depends On Leadership, Declares Scout Leader

"What a boy thinks and does is dependent upon the leadership he gets," said Victor L. Lindblad, retiring executive of the Mt. Diablo Boy Scout Council, and member of Berkeley Second Ward, in response to a question about the aims and values of the Boy Scout movemen. "When the leadership is right, the boy is right."

"The real test of Scouting is what happens in the lives of boys during and following their Scouting membership. While the knowledge gained and skills acquired are important, the real test is in the Scout's life.

"Years ago I attended the funeral service of a college friend, a rancher who lived far off the railroad. The body was at the house and I stayed overnight with the family.

Helpful Boy

"Early in the morning I heard someone stirring in the kitchen. Thinking it was the man's wife, I went downstairs. I found a boy with a milk pail in his hand. I asked him if he was a member of the family, to which he ansewered 'no.'

"I asked him whey he was there, to which question he replied 'Well, I belong to a Scout patrol in this area and we take the Good Turn very seriously. I just wondered who would milk Aunt Harriet's cows and so I am here to do my good turn.'

"Thus this youth, because of his Scout teachings, walked four miles from his home in deep snow, milked the cows, walked four miles back, did his own chores, ate his breakfast and walked another mile to school.

"When the leadership is right, the boy is right. There is great medecine in Scouting.

"These excerpts from a few letters out of hundreds received from Scouts, attest to the character-building, citizenship-training value of Scouting:

Scoutmaster Honored

'Next to my father, my Scoutmaster is the most important man in America. He did things for me at times even my own father could not do. Every troop member was a better Christian, a better boy and a better Scout because of his life and service.'

'Scouting changed my entire outlook on life. It changed my associates and threw me into contact with adults who had but one intesest, my own growth and development.'

'Tell my Scoutmaster I haven't forgotten his teachings: Honesty, loyalty and a belief in God is as important in the army as in private life. I have a firm hold on the Scouting principles.'

'It is though Scouting that I am a Presbyterian missionary in Mexico. Mr. Lucas, a former Scoutmaster, is responsible for the religious awakening I have had.'

Life Principles

'I have never forgotten my Scouting experiences. The Oath and Law are the governing principles of my life. I am now giving leadership to a fine group of boys in the little community in which I live. I hope I can do for them what you did for me.'

I often wondered how you ever put up with me. Maybe it will be some consolation to you to know that some of th eideals filetred through. I am now studying for the ministry. Believe it or not, Scouting is responsible for the vocation I have selected for my life's work.'

Castro Valley Ward

Lost Time Vanishes Forever, Ward On Its Toes For 1959

By Nell Smith

The last greeting card has been written, the last stamp has been licked, the last bow has been tied and the last New Year bell has been rung!

As the echo of the bells, heralding a new start in the New Year, fade into the shadows of relentless time, let us resolve to make every minute of the next 365 days count.

A lost moment, a mis-used hour, can never be reclaimed, but the activities of fully occupied waking hours will be evidenced by the needs accomplished. Castro Valley ward's goal for the New Year is the start of construction of a chapel which will become a land-mark of beauty in the community; a tabernacle, witnessing to all the growth of the Lord's church in this area.

As time, the respector of no man, absorbs the coming years, and our little ones are leading their little ones to worship, will **you** stand among that number who will have earned the right to say, "I helped build this chapel?"

Old Time, in whose banks we deposit our notes,
Is a miser who always wants guineas for groats;
He keeps all his customers still in arrears
By lending them minutes and charging them years.

It has been a busy month for all departments of the ward. Relief Society's Christmas luncheon concluded with a demonstration of interesting holiday decoration tricks conducted by Mrs. Deon Lee. Primary sisters helped bring happiness to the youngsters by assisting with the arrangements for the ward Christmas party which was visited by St. Nicholas.

Our Christmas gift from the MIA was a lovely package of the spoken word, music and dance presented to us in the pageant "Praise Ye the Lord!" To the people of the MIA who worked so diligently in the production we say, "Well done!" and to the ward music committee we offer a suggestion that we hear more from the youth chorus directed by Sharon Hartman! A special word of praise to the Ed Pittsons who choreographed the dance and to Joan Huffman who led the voice choir.

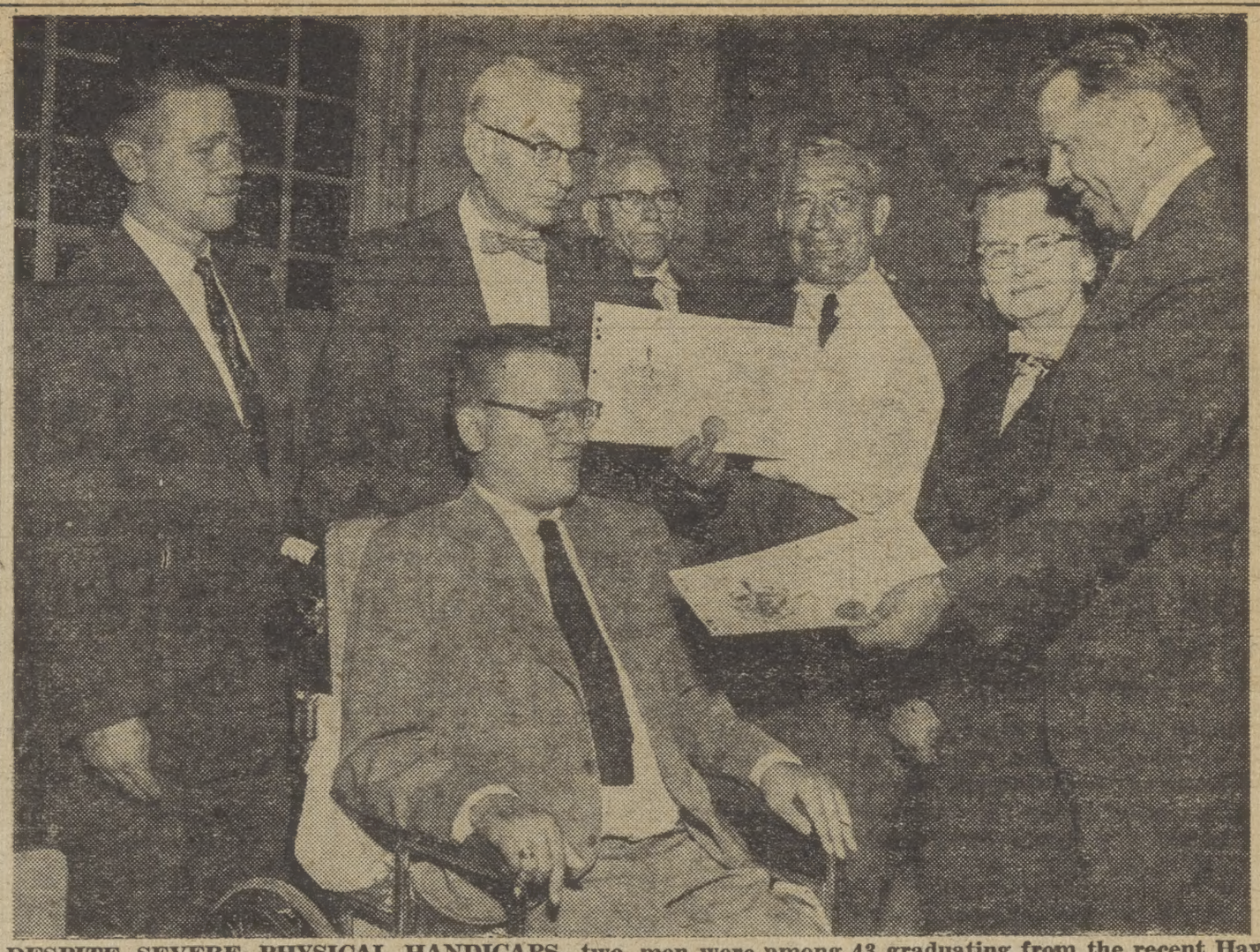
The ward roster was increased Brother and Sister Robert Nobriega; and Deborah, daughter of the Glenn Cases who have now moved to San Leandro ward.

Karen Christensen and Gloria Peterson were accepted into ward membership after their baptism and confirmation.

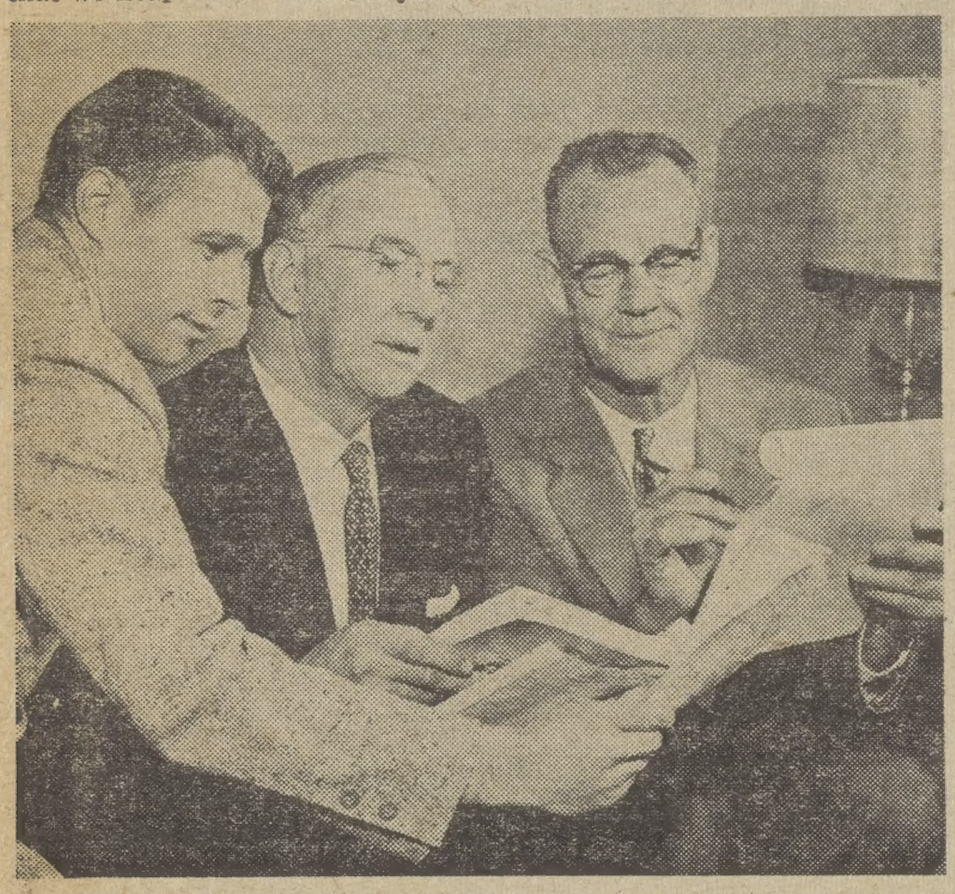
Priesthood advancements this month included Rodney Palmer who was graduated from Primary and was sustained to the office of deacon. John Portier was sustained a deacon in the Adult Aaronic priesthood while Charles Ruiz was named as president of the deacon's quorum. Elder and Mrs. William Day were added to the New Member committee and Ted Silver was appointed assistant scoutmaster.

INTERESTING ITEMS . . . The Charles Fowler family bid farewell to Castro Valley and California last month to make their home near Ogden. . . They will be missed here but our loss is another ward's gain. . . the Senior Study group held their Christmas party at Bishop Brown's home. . . Mrs. Rose Parker's parents, Elder and Mrs. A. T. Hensen of Hanford, were guests at the Parker home. . . sharing the Parker hospitality was Lyman's brother and his wife, Elder and Mrs. Joseph R. Parker. . . they were en route to Hawaii to meet their home-coming, Australian missionary son. . . with them were Bishop and Mrs. Mark Linley of Wellsville First ward. . . Marjorie Smith, presently serving as Mutual attendance secretary for YWMIA was graduated from Primary last month. . . Marjorie filled all the requirements to receive her certificate which she wanted for her Treasures of Truth book.

Ring in the valiant man and free. . . The larger heart, the kindlier hand. . . Ring out the darkness of the land . . Ring in the Christ that is to be! . . Happy New Year!



DESPITE SEVERE PHYSICAL HANDICAPS, two men were among 43 graduating from the recent Hayward Stake Schools for Senior Members of the Aaronic Priesthood and their partners. They are Fullmer H. Latter, of the Castro Valley Ward, seated in the wheelchair, and Frank A. Lee, shown with his arm in a sling, who is totally blind. Brother Latter is shown being presented with his certificate by Bishop Heber C. Brown of Castro Valley Ward, and Brother Lee is receiving his certificate from Bishop Glenn C. Rounds of the Oakland Second Ward.



CHECK ONE OFF!—General Chairman Lawrance Eagles, left, checks with assistants Carl Lotz and James McCluskey on guest list for Adult Aaronic Priesthood members who attended the dinner given by the committee at Bishop Heber James Brown's home. (Photo by Chuck Ruiz)

Hayward Stake

Success Of 2 Aaronic Schools Pave Way to Permanent Program

Hayward Stake leaders, jubilant over the success of the recent two schools for senior members of the Aaronic Priesthood, are planning to make such schools a permanent part of the stake program.

Of the 43 graduating in the last classes 36 compiled perfect attendance records, according to W. W. Nelson, committee chairman. One class was held for beginners, and one advanced class for those who had attended previous courses.

INSTRUCTORS were Owen L. Stewart, stake patriarch and his wife Mary, and Wilford "L" Nelson, a high priest.

"We feel that the success of the classes is a fine tribute to the instructors for their faithfulness and the excellent quality of teaching," the committee chairman said.

During the graduation exercises two members of the class expressed their appreciation for the school and told what renewed activity in the Church has meant to them and their families.

Two class members completed the course despite severe physical handicaps. Fullmer H. Latter of the Castro Valley Ward, a polio victim who is paralyzed, required a portable iron lung to be in operation during the classes. Frank A. Lee of Oakland Second Ward, is blind.

Brother and Sister Latter came to California from Salt Lake City in 1956 and two weeks after their arrival he was stricken with polio. Since then they have experienced many crises and successes, including Brother Fullmer's baptism into the Church in May, 1958. The oldest of their four children was baptized in January, 1959.

MANY MEMBERS of their ward and Hayward Stake have assisted them in constructing their home, which includes a swimming pool in which Brother Latter can take healing baths.

"Blessed with a wife with a tremendous amount of courage dna many loyal and helpful friends, their lives lend inspiration to all of us privileged to associate with them," said Elder Nelson.

Brother Lee, also a recent convert to the Church, makes his living working for the Blindcraft Association in Oakland. "His is a fine testimony of the blessings that have come into his life since joining the Church,' 'said Elder Nelson. "He is also blessed with a wonderful, devoted companion."

Both these men attended classes regularly and both highly praise the schools and testify to the help they have received.

Richard Baer Takes Role In BYU Show

Richard Baer, son of Theodore J. and Mavis Baer of Berkeley First Ward, took the part of Lun Tha in the Rodgers and Hammerstein production "The King and I" at the B.Y.U. Jan. 21-24.

The production was staged in the Joseph Smith Auditorium for the four-day run.

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Palo Alto Stake

David Haights Announce Betrothal Of Daughter Karen, John Huntsman

President David B. Haight of Palo Alto Stake, and Mrs. Haight have announced the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their only daughter, Karen Christena, to Jon Meade Huntsman. The popular young couple plan to be married the morning of June 18 in the Salt Lake Temple.

Jon, a senior student at the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, is the son of Dr. and Mrs. A. Blaine Huntsman of Los Altos. Dr. Huntsman is superintendent of the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District. The Haights, who also are well known in the East Bay area, where they formerly resided, operate hardware stores in Palo Alto and Los Altos. President Haight is former president of the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce.

Family members and friends first heard of the betrothal at a holiday open house at which the bride-elect's parents were hosts.

Karen and Jon left by plane Jan. 5 for their respective college campuses, Jon to Philadelphia, and Karen to Salt Lake City where she is a junior majoring in elementary education at the University of Utah. She is a member of Chi Omega sorority.

During spring vacation Karen will visit her fiance in Philadelphia and complete plans for their wedding after Jon is graduated and commissioned an ensign in the Navy.

President and Mrs. Haight and Dr. and Mrs. Huntsman plan to attend the wedding ceremony. Also planning to attend are Karen's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Bruce Haight, Jr. of San Francisco. She is the former Angela Bowen of Atherton. Karen's other brother, Robert Peter Haight, now on a two year mission for the Church in Sidney, Australia, is expected to be home in time to attend the ceremony.

Immediately after the wedding Karen and Jon, accompanied by their families, will return by plane to the Peninsula, and that same evening a reception will be given for them at Bowman Alumni House on the Stanford University campus.

Karen and Jon are graduates of Palo Alto High School where Jon was president of the studentbody in 1955. At the University of Pennsylvania he is president of the senior class and president of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Jon's brother, Ensign A. Blaine Huntsman, Jr., stationed with the Navy at Long Beach, was home for the announcement party, but expects that a Navy assignment will prevent him from attending the wedding. Another brother, Robert Clayton Huntsman, attends elementary school in Los Altos. Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Huntsman of Fillmore, Utah, are his grandparents.

"I Have Heard This Gospel Somewhere Else . . ."

Theda Farnsworth, Successful Missionary, Finds tracting the Most Enjoyable Part

By Samuel W. Taylor

Though she likes to feel that she has been a missionary for 30 years, Theda Farnsworth of Redwood City ward admits that, officially, she has been called on only six missions, for a total of 12 years.

But then she explains, there were interruptions during the 30-odd years she has been a member of the church. For example, she was released from a mission back in the early '40's, when the ward was being organized, because there was so much to be done there. Her husband, incidentally, was bishop of the new ward. So for a number of years she helped out with anything that needed doing. "A few of us had to do most of the work in those days." She was chorister, Sunday school teacher, and Relief Society president, among other things. Then with the ward running smoothly, she was once again free to attend to her first love, missionary work.

Theda Farnsworth is exceptional in that she enjoys tracting, which most missionaries find difficult. "For me this is the real missionary experience, to be out in the field." There is not the same zest, to her, to receive a name from someone else.

When tracting she finds that she will have a conversation with someone out of four calls. Out of five people who show interest and ask her to return, two will evade the appointment and one of the other three will be baptized.

She is not at all dismayed by rudeness and rebuffs. "Such people aren't ready yet, that's all,' 'she says. Though sometimes it is a shock to new missionaries. Just last week she was with a new missionary who had the door slammed violently in her face. Turning slowly, her companion said, "They do do it, don't they?"

Theda Farnsworth has lost count of the people she has converted. As a matter of fact she declines to take credit. "Families have come into the Church 10 years after I first contacted them. How many missionaries saw them in the meanwhile? It's difficult to say who converts anyone."

She feels that a person will accept the Gospel when the time comes. One lady had been active in the Church for almost a quarter century, though not a member. One day while doing the dishes she suddenly turned to the phone without drying her hands, phoned Theda Farnsworth, and said, "I want to be baptized. But I don't want you to think I'm rushing into this."

One of her labors was with a family which was extremely active in another church. In fact the son was studying for the ministry. When the family was converted, the mother stood before the group she was leading in the other Church and announced she was going to become a Mormon. "I am not sorry to leave you, but sorry that you can't come along with me."

One couple was converted in the middle of the first lesson. "I have heard this Gospel somewhere else—not on this earth," the wife said, though she knew nothing of preexistence.

Another man, who agreed to let the missionaries call only with great reluctance, "Looked down a skeptic, and then looked up converted," Theda Farnsworth relates. You can tell she says, by the expression on a person's face, when he is converted. There is a definite change, an illumination. "The person has been born again," she says. "He is a different individual."

She won't recommend a person for baptism who isn't really ready. "I won't give ice cream to anyone who doesn't want ice cream. Might give a stomach ache.' 'She believes the food of the gospel is for those who are hungry for it.

Perhaps her success in the mission field results from the fact that she was converted there. In Washington state more than 30 years ago, Theda rejected all churches, because they could not explain God, or even what He looklike. Then she met a Mormon missionary whose first question was, "Do you know who God is?"

Two years and 15 missionaries later, she still was not convinced. The sixteenth, Leonard Gerard, from Murray, Utah said, "If you're not concerned about being baptized, why should I be?" This brought her up short. The others had been trying to "save" her. Now she realizes it was her own responsibility.

In her years of missionary work, no one ever laid hands upon her violently except once. That was at a meeting of an apostate group.

And after six missions, she might be expected to slow down a little. But Theda Farnsworth, counting up her appointments for the week, finds that she has eight. How can she have eight meetings, with only seven evenings in the week? "I have an afternoon and a morning appointment."

Her advice to anyone who is bored with life: "If things seem dull, try being a missionary."

Her husband, W. Yates Farnsworth, is Patriarch of San Mateo Stake.

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Walnut Creek Ward

Members Being Urged To Greet New Arrivals In Ward Family

By Anna Lea Spencer

Let us welcome the new year by greeting our newest members. . . my how Zion does grow! Philip Groesbeck was born Dec. 2, weighing eight pounds. He is the third son of Joan and Russel Groesbeck. Steven Karl Mauss said hello on Dec. 15, weighing 7 lbs. and 11 ozs. This makes 4 boys and 2 girls for Ruth and Armand Mauss. Shawn Hopkins Speer put up a "holler" because he arrived Dec. 24 at 10 lbs. 3 ozs. This makes two girls and two boys for Ina and George Speer. Eric Johnson was born Jan. 9, weighing 8 lbs. This makes four boys and two girls for Betty June, and Bob Johnson.

We have had many new families move into the ward this last month. Please get acquainted with them and make them feel at home. They are Gloria J. Lorenzi of 88 Alder Drive, W.C.; George Joseph Defoort of 63 Sandy Lane, W.C.; Larene Allen and children Blain Frederick, Steve William, and Lynn Renae of 1020 Windsor Dr., Laf.; George O. Ludvigsen and children Susan, Sharon, Bernice, Gary and Janice of 2410 Overlook Dr., W.C.; Marion G. and Floyd H. Bertagnolli of 3256 Hillview Lane, W.C.; Lillian M. and Victor E. Anderson Jr. and Sheri E. of 285 Santa Fe, W.C.; Lenea G. and Rodney Christensen and sons Paul and Richard of 31 Midvale Ct., W.C.

The primary and Sunday School Christmas party was a big success, thanks to all our young talent. Congratulations to the John Hilton family. You made a natural picture! Thanks to Maxine Pickett for an original song and splendid coaching along with the teachers. The cantata was beautifully done on Sunday morning. Jo Ann Wilkinson and Kay Christianson did a fine job. Oral Burrows and her teachers did an excellent job. Harry Atherton—your "stage" in the chapel made it possible for all to see the precious tableau. . .Thanks!

Now to tell you about some "nice news" (I for one get very tired of reading about people's poor deeds. . . I wonder if newspapers could make a living with their front pages telling about peoples' good deeds instead of their weaknesses). . . now for a fishing yarn. The bishop got away for a days bass fishing along with Brother Kimball and Brother Williams. . . There were plenty of fish but they were running too small to keep. Finally the bishop landed the largest one of the day but wouldn't you know he gave it away. . . to Brother Williams to encourage him to try again and acquire a taste for good eating. I too was deeply impressed by a good sister phoning me and asking if she could tend my children all day (that's a job; there are five from teen-agers to a new baby) while I take a rest and go down to Centerville to represent Contra Costa Camp of the Daughters of The Utah Pioneers.

We heard an excellent report by "Mother Patton" of Berkeley and of course Kate B. Carter, the National president is always inspiring. It was a wonderful day and a wonderful good deed, thanks to the kindness and love of this good sister. By the way, any of the ladies in the ward who have one or more ancestors who reached Utah before the 10th of May 1869, are eligible to join. Please see me if interested. Of course this little paragraph would not be complete without a good turn from the Boy Scouts who were able to make three families full and happy for Christmas with their fine baskets. However, the boys and their leaders wish to thank all the good people who did a good turn for them by buying their Christmas trees from the scouts. They made enough for their expenses for winter and summer camp.

The new year is starting out right for three lovely couples: Diane Sumsion and Tom Harris who were married in the L.A. Temple Dec. 17. Joan and Bob Christianson who were married in the L.A. Temple Dec. 27. Elaine Ranker and Joe Monson who were married in the Salt Lake Temple Jan. 21.

We wish to welcome into our church Randall Sherman, Jimmy Gilbert, and Jimmy White who were confirmed this month.

We want to thank Sterling Bench for his fine teaching of the Gospel Doctrine Class. It is with deep regret that we say goodbye to Mary Lou Harline. She and Richard are moving down to San Jose. We'll miss you both very much. Our loss will be someone elses' great gain, especially in geneaology. Thank you, Vera Forbyn, for all the patient hours with our eleven and twelve year olds. The Sunday School wishes to welcome Lucille Jefferies as the new geneaology teacher and Albert Gilbert as the new teacher of the twelve year olds along with Tom Leavitt.

We have enjoyed hearing the sweet strains of violin music this last month from Brother Snel, Max Beck and Val Thomas. If there are others hiding their talents under a basket please let us know so they can help to enrich our lives with, as our Articles of Faith say, all things lovely or of good report we seek after these things.

MEMBERS OF THE NEWLY-SUSTAINED San Francisco Stake High Priests Presidency includes, from left, Thomas O. Grover, first counselor; Grant Geddes, secretary; President R. John Cummings, and Charles G. Friel, second counselor. (Photo by William E. Hendershott)

Mission Ward

Members Attend Temple Session

By Marilynn Lefler

Members of Mission Ward went to the Los Angeles Temple by chartered bus on Dec. 12 and 13. Many participated in discussions and singing during the trip.

The weekend before, on Dec. 5 and 6 seven young people, Sandra Boulter, Charlene Culver, Caroline Lefler, Ella Sessions, James Appledale, Allen Hall and Thomas Neil went to the Temple for Baptismal purposes.

A special Primary program has been started in the Candlestick Cove community Center this past month. It is held on Mondays at 4 p.m. The new coordinator is Shirlene Borwell. The new teachers are Evelyn Black, Kathleen Collins, Antonia Phibbs and Betty Smith.

This new program was started for the children in this area who could not attend regular Primary because of transportation problems. So far 26 children are enrolled.

The men of the ward put up a new retaining wall and cyclone fence alongside of the building. It adds greatly to the appearance of the building. Relief Society ladies cooked the men a big turkey dinner.

The men of both wards have been painting the inside of the building. The foyer and hall were first. It lightens it up and adds reverence. The scout room and recreation hall are next.

Allen Hall, Jimmy Appledale, and Jerry Manning, Boy Scouts from the Mission Ward, were asked to be ushers at the East West football game this year. It was the first time any of our Boy Scouts from Troop 107 ever participated in this event.

Some changes have been made in our ward organizations. Willard A. Boulter Jr. is our new assistant Ward Clerk in charge of Membership records. Helen Stolzenburg is the new Genealogy teacher. Dean Durante is second assistant in the Sunday School. Judith Zelingsky is the pianist in the Junior Sunday School. Ella Rechnitzer is Junior Sunday School Coordinator. Don Laws was sustained as a Sunday School teacher.

Laura Louise Politis was blessed by her father Dec. 7. She is the daughter of Lucas and Diane Politis.

Baptized and confirmed on Dec. 6 and 7 were Kiplin K. Leavitt, Armando C. Quevedo Jr., Anne E. Cooper, Kathleen S. Cooper, Paul W. Cooper, Steven D. Culver, Aurale Antuna, and John N. Holbrook.

San Francisco Stake

John Cummings Named Leader Of High Priests

By Irven G. Derrick

Bishop R. John Cummings was sustained as the new San Francisco Stake High Priests Quorum President at a recent Quorum meeting.

He chose Thomas O.Grover as first counselor, and Charles G. Friel as second counselor. Grant Geddes was sustained as secretary of the quorum at the State Quarterly Conference held Jan. 11.

Bishop Cummings, who was released as a member of the Stake High Council to take over his new assignment, has had extensive experience in Church assignments. He served as stake clerk under two former stake presidents, as bishop of the Balboa Ward, and as superintendent of the YMMIA in two Wards. He works for the Federal Government as an attorney, assigned as chairman of the Rating Board, Veterans Administration.

Charles G. Friel will continue his appointment as secretary of the San Francisco Stake Welfare Committee, and as secretary to the Bishops Council, in addition to his new assignment as First Counselor to President Cummings. He was released as teacher to the Sunset Ward High Priests Group. Other Church experience includes superintendent of Sunday School, Sunday School teacher, and scoutmaster. He has been secretary of the Welfare Committee for nine years. He retired from the London-Lancashire Insurance Group where he was chief accountant.

Elder Grover was released as a member of the Stake Aaronic Priesthood Committee to take over his new assignment as second counselor. He has been a ward teaching supervisor, chairman of a ward geneaological committee, advisor to Ward Senior Aaronic Priesthood, and in the superintendency of a Ward MIA. He is retired from U.S. Government service where he was assigned to the Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Department of Justice, and later as Chief Parole Executive for the U.S. Board of Parole.

Grant Geddes was also released from the Stake Aaronic Priesthood Committee to serve in his new capacity as secretary to the quorum. Other Church assignments include branch president, superintendent of ward Sunday School, and senior member of a District Council. He was associated with mission field work when he was in Oklahoma and Texas here he was assigned by Safeway Stores for 29 years. He is retired from Safeway.

Stake President Serge J. Lauper commended President George F. Simister, who was released as the High Priests quorum president, and his family for long and faithful service in San Francisco Stake. Elder Simister has moved to the Oakland Ward, Oakland-Berkeley Stake. He came to San Francisco in 1925 and lived in the old Mission Branch. He was a member of the Daly City Ward when the San Francisco Stake was organized in 1927. For many years he was in the bishopric of the Balboa Ward, and served the past six years as a member of the High Priests Quorum Presidency, the last 18 months as president.

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San Francisco Stake

Welfare Work, Spiritual Values Stressed At Conference In SF

By W. W. Collins

The San Francisco Stake Quarterly Conference convened on Saturday Jan. 10 and on Sunday Jan. 11. Four sessions were held. One session on Saturday night was devoted to welfare work. Another session on the same night was concerned with the responsibilities that rest upon officers in Priesthood quorums. In the welfare session, bishops, certain of the Priesthood and secretaries met separately to discuss their part in making welfare work function effectively.

Later Welfare Representative A. Lewis Elggren spoke on the purpose of the welfare program, stating that the goal of all welfare work is to relieve human suffering, to find employment for the unemployed, and to rehabilitate the discouraged, the defeated, and those who are in desperate financial straits. He stated that the policy in Welfare work is that those who seek sustenance should work for the aid that is given them.

President Serge J. Lauper opened the Priesthood session with these provocative obeservations: all effective spiritual workers are physicians, that great is the worth of souls, and that a magnificient reward awaits all who are instrumental in saving souls.

Bruce S. Hansen, Joseph E. Petersen, Ellis M. Lambson, and Dale Ensign spoke briefly regarding the use of the White Card in making contacts with the indifferent, the inactive and the lackadaisical in their several quorums.

AS THE PRINCIPAL speaker of the Saturday evening session Sterling W. Sill presented a dissertation on effective leadership in general and in Church leadership in particular.

He said that the greatest need in the world today is effective leadership. He stated that if people are determined and persistent in acquiring the necessary skills in this field of endeavor, the genius of leadership can be theirs. The pitfalls of defeat are ignorance, indecision, and indifference. Therefore, knowledge is pertinent, conversion to a cause necessary, obsession with one's work vital, satisfaction in doing a perfect job gratifying, and determination to succeed rewarding.

In the Sunday morning session President Lauper said that he felt that he was presiding over a great Stake which was made up of faithful Latter-day Saints and hard working Church officers. He said that every conference recharges the Church membership with better spiritual aspirations and endeavors.

Ira I. Somers, a former member of the San Francisco Stake Presidency, and now residing in Virginia, spoke briefly and with a fond reminiscence of his association with President Lauper as his counselor.

Bishop D.Forrest Greene took the opportunity in addressing the Conference to publicly thank Sterling W. Sill for befriending him in his youth, and to state how much he appreciates the work of those who give so much of themselves to the Church.

A. LEWIS ELGGREN reminded his listeners of the importance of having a year's provisions stored and available for any emergency that might arise in a food shortage or in no food at all. He admonished all to get out of debt and stay out.

Elder Sill broached the question. How much are the things we take for granted worth to us? If through thoughtlessness we suddenly lose them, what would we pay to have them restored to us? It might mean the loss of income, health, family, friends, one's faith. The supposition is that one would pay all he had in the world plus all that he could borrow to have his former blessings restored to him again.

In the afternoon session, B. Hermen Schettler, Wallace N. Allred, J. Leonard Love, and Mrs. C. W. Nalder spoke briefly. Elder Sill spoke on the value of reading and digesting great books, for when read aright they mould our thoughts and develop our character. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so he is." As an example of a great book he named the Book of Mormon, and declared that Mormon and Moroni mentioned in it were among the great men of all time, and in his opinion superior to Washington and Lincoln. One cannot have contact with a superior individual without being made the better for it.

One choir under the direction of Elayne Reid with Dorothy Zimmerman as organist and the same choir with DeLone Kone as director and with Dorothy Davison as organist sang with exceptional beauty and skill. There was an attendance of 1359 at the Sunday morning session.

GENERAL AUTHORITIES attending the San Francisco Stake Conference, A. Lewis Elggren, center, and Sterling W. Sill, are greeted by Herman B. Schettler second counselor in the San Francisco Stake Presidency, left (Photo by William E. Hendershott.)

San Lorenzo Second

Stake Aaronic Priesthood Award Presented To San Lorenzo Second

By Virginia Ringwood

The Hayward Stake Aaronic Priesthood Plaque was awarded to San Lorenzo Second Ward at the annual Aaronic Priesthood Under 21 dinner held at Hayward Ward on Dec. 20.

San Lorenzo Second Ward captured the award which is given each three months, for the entire year. The award is for the highest total points.

The winners also were honored by the Mutual girls at a breakfast held at San Lorenzo Ward prior to Priesthood meeting on Jan. 18. The girls served the breakfast and Mrs. Verna Jackson of San Leandro Ward and Stake president of MIA was guest speaker.

A play entitled "Eternally Peggy" is scheduled by the Mutual for 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 25 and will be held in the recreation room.

Cast of the three act extravanga includes Linda Crane as Peggy; Julie Crane as Karen; Marilyn Cox as Sylvia; Geri Grown as Bunny; Patsy Slade as Lucy Mae; Richard Smith as Julius; Gary Eaton as Madison and Monte Jarman as Ernest.

The Mutual will have a Fun Frolic Night which will include dancing and refreshments at the regular Mutual time on Feb. 11.

The festivities will be for all young people of the church and young married couples.

A demonstration on Scout Crafts will also be given during the early portion of the evening's entertainment according to new Scoutmaster Ralph R. Hills.

Members of the Teacher's Quorum enjoyed a snow trip to Calaveras Big Trees in the Sierras on Jan. 24 and were accompanied by their leader Andrew Neil.

The Ward would like to gratefully acknowledge the kindness of Bishop Lauper and the San Leandro Ward for allowing them to sell tickets for the Donna Turner, Russell Heath concert which was held on Jan. 30 at the Oakland Tabernacle.

San Lorenzo Second Ward received 100 per cent from all tickets they sold which will be used for the music fund to purchase a piano and organ for the church.

Added to the Primary staff recently were Barbara Adams, teacher of the Larks; Winifred Hill, Children's Friend representative and Ruth Parry, in-service trainer teacher.

Blessings at the Jan. 4 Fast meeting included John Edward Parry, son of Leon and Ruth Parry; Pamela Sue Bird, daughter of Robert and Joyce Bird and Jeffery Eugene Ellenburg, son of Robert and Kaye Ellenburg.

Claude Fredrick Martin and Linda Mae Martin were Baptized on Jan. 3 and Confirmed on Jan. 4.

Earle Isaac Hill was advanced from Deacon to Teacher; Ralph Ira Brown went from Deacon to Teacher and Edmond Jules Bertola advanced from Teacher to Priest on Jan 11.

Double Sessions Now At San Bruno

By Gayle B. Groo

Important changes took place in the San Bruno Ward Sunday School, beginning January 4. Sunday School servies, which begin at 11:30, are now on "double sessions.'

In this system the Senior Sunday School membership is divided such that one half of the members attend worship services in the chapel while the other half, attend classes.

This change was necessary to provide additional space for classrooms. San Bruno Ward is the largest ward in the San Mateo Stake and most classes were so large that expansion was difficult.

The change enables more members to attend and at the same

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Rodeo Ward

Double Shower Honors 2 Mothers

Two Mothers were honored with a double shower for their new arrivals Monday, Jan. 11.

The event was held in the beautiful new home of Brother and Sister Stone in the new addition on Seventh Street, Rodeo. Other hostesses were Sisters Ruth Horn and Frances Severon, who learned on arrival, she too was being showered with gifts for her new baby daughter, born Nov. 29.

Sister Millgate was the other honored guest. She and her husband, Don, adopted an infant son in mid December. Party games were played and refreshments served with 48 ladies in attendance.

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Outstanding Missionary Record Achieved In Palo Alto Stake

According to Church reports of stake missionary activity for 1958, there was an average of one convert for each Stake missionary in the church. The Palo Alto Stake Mission had an average of 35 active Stake missionaries during 1958. During this same period, the Mission was credited with 65 baptisms — an average of nearly two baptisms per Stake missionary.

The Palo Alto Stake Mission feels this record has resulted from two factors. First, the excellent quality of the Stake missionaries in the mission and secondly, the individual effort on the part of each missionary. Menlo Park Ward Bishop Keith Garner says he recommends the finest and most faithful of his Ward membership for Stake missions. He conceeds that this temporarily takes good leadership from his Ward, but he says in the long run the Ward receives back a more experienced Ward member plus fine new converts that offer much to the development of the Ward.

It is amazing to reflect that less than one hundred thirty years ago, when the church was first organized, there were only six members. Today, the membership is well over one and a half million people. President Harold Judd, Counselor in the Palto Alto Stake Mission Presidency, said that nearly 480 members have descended as a result of the original conversion of his two grandparents. With this kind of personal experience and reflection, it is not hard for missionaries to be enthusiastic about their assignments.

The Stake Mission has been a vital part in the growth of the church. Last year there were about 6500 Stake missionaries in the Church compared to about 2000 full time missionaries. Also, Stake missionary work is responsible for the majority of convert baptisms in the Church.

At present there are 49 stake missionaries in the Palo Alto Stake Mission, which is about 1.2 per cent of the stake population. Ambitions of the Stake Mission for this year are to have 2 per cent of the stake as missionaries, to train and equip them well, and to live in such a way that our lives will be a reflection of the Church.

Balboa Second

Big Aaronic Program Set

By Lola Geary

Balboa Second Ward has a big program for the Aaronic Priesthood for the coming year. There will be opportunities for awards and encouragement all along the way. The advisors are Brothers Alexander and Poplin. Committeemen are J. William Stull, Vernel Kenner, Elwood Roberts, Charles Naumann, Jack Patrick, George Taylor, Frank Ortega and Walter Nelson.

A Building Fund dinner, sponsored by the primary, was held Jan. 23. Good food and charming entertainment by the primary youngsters were the treat for all who attended. Another Building Fund dinner is being sponsored by the Sunday School on Feb. 27.

Richard Beutler and John Johnson were advanced to the office of priest. Those confirmed were Kathryn Bell Guest, Linda D. Wurst, David and Paul Johnson, Gloria June Carter, and Ray Carter. Baby Wurst was blessed.

The primary was organized with Mamie Lambson, president; Madeline Taylor, councilor, and Edna Swift, secretary. Sister Laura Austin was released with her officers and teachers. Sister Florence Chappelle went to England for a visit with relatives and was there for the temple dedication and is now back here with her daughter, Marie Pack, son-in-law and two grandchildren.

The time of the meetings have been changed to the time Mission Ward formerly had, that is, Sunday School 11 a.m. Relief Society Tuesday, 10 a.m., Primary, Wednesday 4 p.m., Mutual Tuesday evening.

ON YOUR MARK——Girls from two stakes line up for races across floor in skating party at Redwood Rink sponsored by MIA's of San Mateo and Palo Alto stakes. These charmers are Jan Nordfrans and Sally Shaw of San Mateo Second; Arey Watson, and Lynette Larsen, Sunnyvale Second; Gail Trammell and Julie Greenwood Sunnyvale; and Marilyn Moore and Barbara Wise, Redwood City ward.

Specialaire Dance In S.M. Stake

By Alta Bingham

One of the highlights of the San Mateo Stake holiday season was the Specialaire New Years dance. The Hall was decorated to indicate the passing of time. The supper menu included baked ham, hot casseroles, relishes, rolls and cake. It was held in the Burlingame recreation Hall. Our Specialaire group is growing. Noise makers, serpentine and hats were furnished.

The youth of the Stake held a dance in the San Mateo Stake Center. They were served baked ham and hot cakes plus. They also ushered in the New Year in the usual noise-making way.

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HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND, will soon be home for the Darrel J. Westover family, shown here. Elder Westover, a mathematics teacher at Mt. Diablo High School in Concord, will be teaching at the new Church College of New Zealand, and he and his family are undertaking a four-year assignment. The entire family will undoubtedly find places in Church work as they have in Walnut Creek Stake. Shown here with Elder Westover are his wife, Evie, who is an accomplished pianist, and their six children, Barta Vee, 11; Kirk, 9; Kim, 7; Gale 6; Paul 4, and Layne, 2. They will sail Feb. 8 aboard the British vessel, Orsova.

Pleasant Hill Ward

Improve Family Spiritual Tone, Admonishes Bishop Von Nielson

By Dora Friedrich

A month has passed since we first welcomed the year 1959—filled with hours and days of opportunities to reach the goals which we set for ourselves at that time.

Bishop Von R. Nielson reminds his Ward family that the ward, too has goals which should play an important part in the lives of its members. The first is to increase, ward-wise, the spiritual tone in the home through family prayer and family night activities; second, we should strive to increase attendance at Sacrament meetings; third, to extend and broaden mutual friendships through fraternalism, participation in ward parties, and increased visiting in the homes of one another. Fourth, we should meet our financial goals of 5 per cent of income for maintenance and building purposes.

This year, we want to amass sufficient funds that we may convince the brethren that we can be ready to build by the summer of 1961 or the spring of 1962.

"The best angle we can use to achieve these goals," Bishop Nielsen stresses, "is the 'try-angle'. Through diligent effort on our part, and sincere supplication to our heavenly father, we can achieve these goals and thereby attain the happiness which we seek."

As always, things are humming in the MIA, with lots of activities on the agenda, and several new staff members welcomed by Marian Foulk and Daryl Dangerfield of the YMMIA and YWMIA presidency. Released with a heartfelt vote of thanks for their fine work were Gwen Allerd, age group counselor for YMMIA; and for the young men, Jack Marshall, age group assistant superintendent; Bud Jensen, explorer advisor, and Jack Roll, scoutmaster. Jack Roll and Gil Meacham have been sustained as Scout committeemen; Frank Margrave, new scoutmaster, will be assisted by Bill Popp and Bob Harelson; guiding the Explorers will be John Doman, with the assistance of Joe Crouse. New to the Pleasant Hill Ward is Richard Stauffer, who has assumed duties as age group counselor for YMMIA.

Really deserving of cheers for their activities are members of the two basketball teams—the Junior team which is tied for first place in the league and senior team members. . . all supported by the able guidance of Bob Hiryonamous of the superintendency, Dave Foulk, athletic director, and Clyde Robinson coach.

On the MIA calendar for the month of hearts is a play to be presented under the direction of Carole Slaugh and for everyone 12 years of age and over—a heart-warming party dated for Feb. 11—red hearts the theme, of course.

Young people of the ward— 25 in number, were understandably enthralled at a Sunday evening Fireside held at the home of Daryl and Lorraine Dangerfield recently,

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Oakland Second Ward

Members Saving Newspapers For Building Fund

By Janeth Doxey

Members of Oakland Second ward are urged to save their old newspapers for the Building fund.

These papers should be bundled tied and delivered to Glen Ebel's home, 10473 June Court on the second Saturday of each month. Glen's phone number is LO 9-7882.

If you are not receiving your Messenger and wish one, please contact Bishop Rounds at LO 9-1638.

We are sorry to learn of the death of two fine brothers of our ward. Brother Eskel Lindquist, husband of Mae Lindquist, died Jan. 8. His funeral was held Jan. 12 at the Clarence N. Cooper Mortuary. He was a member of the High Priest Quorum.

Brother Rasmus Lackness died Dec. 30. His funeral was held Jan. 2. He was chairman of the building fund for our ward house when it was being built.

Sister Jennie Blackwood is recuperating from a recent illness. James Bennett had a hernia operation. Both were patients at the East Oakland Hospital.

Jess Willis and Hazel Bromley have a new baby boy born Dec. 31.

Danny Edwards, who returned from his full-time mission, the last of January, will be our speaker in Sacrament Service Feb. 8.

Audrey Amaral was baptized by Elder Cecil Leavitt Jan. 17. She was confirmed by Elder Fred Tanner.

We wish to welcome into our ward Paul and Catherine Dunn and family from Inglewood. Also Claren and Marilyn Collard from Provo, Utah.

We will miss the following people who are moving out of our ward: Peter and Myra Cole, recent converts, are moving to Hayward. Also Linda Jane Taylor, Eloise Fernandes and Floyd Biddle.

Norma Tanner and James Robert Mehrley from Michigan were married Jan. 24 at the Elmhurst Ward Chapel by Bishop Rounds. A reception followed.

Norma's bridesmaids' were Caroline Estey and Linda Tanner. The Matron of Honor was Elen Daniels. The Flower Girls were Susan Daniels. Mickey Tanner, and Randi Smith. The Best Man was Grant Tanner. The bride wore a white net dress with a finger-tip veil.

Afton Bryant is our new secretary in the YWMIA.

Beverly Morris, sister of Brother Merle Morris is our new coordinator in the Junior Sunday School. Loraine Marshall is one of our new Junior Sunday School teachers.

A baby shower was given by Joanne White at her home for Betty Atkins, Jan. 15.

Betty received many nice things for her future new arrival which she tells your reporter will be here after Feb. 21.

We have a brand new basketball stand for the athletes in our ward in newly decorated Recreational Hall.

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

The Reader's Digest in its Aug., 1953, issue suggests that each family keep a "Log" of their activities together to help them live closer together. It could be one full of pictures, jotted entries, mementos, letters, and all the little things that make life together enjoyable. Try it, you may be surprised how much enjoyment it will bring you.

Oakland Third

Larry D. Smith Farewell Held

By Melva Rainey

Larry D. Smith, son of Lottie and former Bishop M. Dee Smith, from Oakland Third Ward, will leave shortly on a mission to Uruguay.

Larry has spent most of his life in Oakland Third Ward and was graduated from Oakland High School in 1956. He attended Oakland City College for the past two years and will receive the Associate of Arts Degree before leaving for his mission.

His activity and experience have well equipped him for his new assignment. He has earned seven individual awards, has had three years of 100 per cent attendance and missed only one meeting for the fourth year at all his quorum and Church meetings.

Larry was one of the first boys in this area to receive his "Duty to God" award, one of the top Boy Scout, Explorer awards. He has held office in all his Priesthood quorums and has been MIA secretary.

Elder Smith will be accompanied en Smith, daughter of Olga Smith of Oakland Third Ward. They hope to be married in the temple on his return, after 2½ years in the mission field.

Larry has three lovely sisters, Cheryl Dee, Marcia and Renal. He has been ambitious and hard-working and while finishing his college degree has been employed in an Oakland shoe establishment.

Elder Smith will be accompanied to Salt Lake City by his mother. He will spend 10 days at the Mission Home, will fly to New York City and from there to Uruguay, about February 10.

His father, M. Dee Smith, is presently on the High Council of Oakland-Berkeley Stake. Lottie, his mother, is in the Stake Primary Presidency.

Elder Smith's testimonial was the first to be held in the Oakland Third Ward in the new chapel on Temple Hill. President Elmo R. Smith, his uncle, delivered the principal sermon at the farewell. Dale Bennett, a close friend, sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "You'll Never Walk Alone." The invocation was given by Kenneth Mason, the benediction by Richard Phelps, who spent his missionary time in Uruguay.

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Livermore Ward

Eight Explorers Take Snow Trip

By Virginia Badger

Eight boys from the Mutual Explorer group went on a one day snow trip to Dodge Ridge Jan. 3. Tom Johnson, group advisor, and Bob Thomas drove the boys. Three toboggans were rented and they used an old logging road one quarter mile long as a toboggan run.

So that the MIA Explorers may have their own meeting house, the scout committee under the leadership of John Cahoon renovated a shed back of the main building on the Livermore Church property. It was thoroughly cleaned and painted green. The Explorers held their first meeting in it Jan. 6.

The Senior Fireside met the evening of Jan. 12 at the home of Brother Bob Thomas in Pleasanton, showed the film "How Near to the Angels." Sister Marjorie Thomas served refreshments. James Davis is the president of this social group and everyone is invited to join.

The teen-ager course 12 of the Sunday School held a party December 20 at the home of Paul Ruff. Pat Owen and Duane Carling helped Paul plan the party under the supervision of Brother Bob Allen. The ten attending enjoyed records, games and refreshments.

At the Jan. 6 meeting of the Relief Society the new president, Sue Hickenlooper, presented the book titled "Wist Ye Not That I Must be About My Father's Business?" by J. Reuben Clark, Jr. to past officers Faye Cahoon, Persis Carling, and Clementina Ranney. Past President Willy Sorenson was unable to attend, so a gift certificate for her new home will be presented to her at a later date.

Beginning with the first work meeting of the new year luncheon will be served and prepared by the Relief Society Officers. The meeting will then last all day and Work Director Sister Leona Webb plans to center the work around what the Sisters wish especially to learn.

Collette Marie Clement was confirmed on Fast Sunday Jan. 4.

Sister Myrtle Gardner was operated on Dec. 31 at Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley. She is at home now convalescing nicely.

Daniel Roderick, five pounds 6 ounces, was born Dec. 4 at Kaiser Hospital in Walnut Creek to James and Jane Davis. He is their first child.

Gaylene Doris was born Dec. 29 at St. Pauls Hospital in Livermore to Graham and Doris Shaw. Two year old Pamela Joy welcomed her new little sister home.

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Menlo Park Ward

Valiant Women Roll Papers To Assist In Ward Project

By Nelle K. Hughes

The outstanding service two women have rendered in the Menlo Park Ward paper rolling project for florists has not been easily rendered. Following is the story as told by Sister Claire Dickson:

"We started our paper rolling project last spring when the announcement was made that Menlo Park Ward was going to build a new chapel. With neither of our husbands belonging to the church Sister Cevello and I did not know how it would be possible for us to contribute our share to the cost of such a project. As we talked about it I jokingly said to her maybe we could roll a whole load of papers which would bring a hundred dollars. This one hundred would be matched by a member of the Ward, and the two hundred would be matched by the Church general fund, making a total of $400 for our new chapel.

"The idea sounded so good that the very next day we started our project. By the end of the third week we had gathered up and rolled over 3,000 pounds. Not being the best of engineers we had not done a very good job in stacking such a massive pile as this made, so we decided we would let the Bishop in on our plan and get this much delivered. On Saturday a group of the priesthood brethren came and hauled them away to the florist. By nightfall we had six more rolls as a start on the next load.

"By this time the job of getting papers was made easier. Tom Ashton, a priest, brought us three loads of new papers left over by the distributor and Brother Merrill Prows arranged for us to get the leftovers from the Palo Alto Times. Rolling these new papers was very much easier. These loads ran around 500 pounds once a month. When Brother Prows could not bring the papers, Sisters Jeane Conrad and Ruby Sealund assisted in getting them. We also had sources of papers from San Francisco to San Jose, and two little neighbor boys (non-members of the Church), Tom Marinkovich and Barry McMills took little wagons and gathered up papers from all the neighbors each weekend.

"As spring activities increased we found it almost impossible to find enough time to fold all the papers we had. We were soon working later and later, and often working alone as we couldn't always arrange the same working time; but when either of us could we worked on the project. Some nights when I felt so tired that I felt that I could not fold another sheet, I would start humming to myself: 'I know That My Redeamer Lives' and it would seem that all of my tired feeling would leave me. Many mornings I had one roll finished before my husband got up at 6:30. Sister Cevello would fix her husband's supper after she got home from her work and then would put in two or three hours on rolling papers. She is a convert of only two years and certainly very devoted and valiant soul.

"It took us five weeks to get out the second 3,000 pounds. By that time it was vacation time and I was away most of the summer. Sister Cevello continued to gather up papers but had no time for rolling them. In September when I returned home there were papers stacked everywhere and all unrolled. It was then necessary to beg for a little help. The Hyrum Crofts family and Sister Virginia Bringhurst with her two children came several times and worked diligently. Finally we got caught up. Last week we got out another thousand pounds.

"It was fitting that this project should be carried on in our garage because it was built by the Elders just a year ago when my husband was unable to work because of a serious eye operation. We have dedicated ourselves to this project and will carry it on with as much vigor as humanly possible."

CLAIRE DICKSON and SISTER CEVELLO

San Leandro Ward

Leaders Spark Growth Of MIA

By Marilyn Nelson

The San Leandro Ward MIA, sparked by able leaders who are helping to guide the young people of the ward, is growing rapidly.

Brother Elton Flaner was released with a hearty vote of thanks for his faithful work in YMMIA. The new young men's superintendent is Mal Duke, and his counselors are Bob Walker, age group, and Tom Noble, activity. The MIA recently presented the impressive "Come Back My Son."

A baby sitting service to assi st at Sacrament meetings, is under way in the ward.

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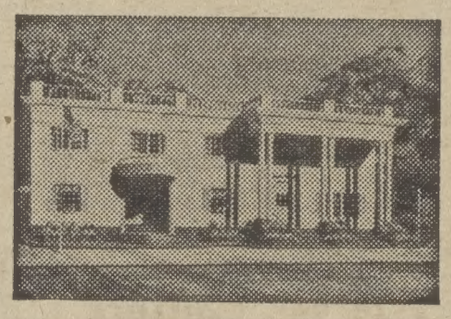

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Oakland Fourth

Members Enjoy Fine New Organ

By Vera Johnston

Members of the Oakland Fourth Ward can now enjoy their beautiful chapel to the fullest with the addition of a fine new organ. This electronic organ is a product of the workmanship of Armis Ashby, a former member of the ward, now of Oakland Third Ward and the technical assistance of Werner Verhaaren.

Brother Ashby spent many months assembling the electronic parts of the organ, and then more months with Brother Verhaaren finishing the instrument and tuning and voicing it. The results have brought high praise from everyone who has heard it. On two different occasions, Brother Verharren, who is president of the Fourth quorum of Elders, has presented programs to demonstrate the full range and capabilities of the organ.

Explorer post 304 in this ward was reorganized Dec. 9, 1958, in conjunction with the new explorer program. Officers elected were Jim Lamp, president; Jerry Kenny, vice president; Howard Bybee, secretary and treasurer; Richard Shepherd and Steve Martin, cabinet representatives.

The first and second Bee Hive girls enjoyed a talk by Dauna Sandmire, stake MIA Junior Gleaner leader on Jan. 13. The subject was "Virtue— Its Price Above Riches."

The Relief Society has new officers. Virgilia Dysart is president, Eudora Morgan is first counselor and Neola Miles is second counselor with Francine DeVries as secretary.

Margaret Wright is the theology teacher, Gladys Olson presents the lessons in literature, which at the present is on the Colonial period of American literature. The social science teacher has not been selected but the subject is the LDS Family. This year the concluding part is to be given. Margaret Brothers is the Visiting Teachers' Class Leader. The change of officers has come about because Lillith Williams, who was president, and Carol, her daughter have moved to Fairfield. The last social of the organization was the second Tuesday in December. At this meeting "A gift of the Magi" was read by Eunice Knecht. A luncheon was served. The lunch and the decorations were arranged and prepared by the officers.

The Special Interest Class invites all interested in learning the fundamental principals of the gospel. The lessons up to now have been on the Godhead. The next two subjects that will be presented are the apostasy and the restoration.

Three members were confirmed this first Sunday this year. They are Gweldyn and Judith Williams, mother and daughter, and Alfred Storey.

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San Francisco Ward

Honors Won By Two Explorers

By Echo May

Those who steadily climb upward along a given path , will arrive. Two Explorers, Jimmy Daily and Jimmy Lynch, are two such climbers. Year after year they have moved up in the priesthood and Scouting. On December 16 ,they passed the Board of Review and won the Silver Award in Scouting, an honor many fail to reach. San Francisco Ward is proud of its "Jimmys."

Change marks the progress in San Francisco ward. Lillie Daily, so recently released from Primary Presidency with a 10 year pin, is now Junior Sunday School Co-ordinator, under a new Sunday School Superintendency. Gorden G. Roger is replacing Paul Murdock who is now honarably released, but his counselors and secretary remain on duty.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE:

Brothers and Sisters let us search our hearts and truly learn why we do wh at we do. It is uplifting? Is it soul satisfing? Are we growing in grace and going about doing good? Do we keep the Sabbath Day holy? Bruce McConkie in his Compendium of the Gospel says that observance of the Sabbath was the great test which divided the righteous from the wordly and wicked, and was the Convenant between God and the we gain greater health, prosperity and happiness that lasts. It makes us stronger, wiser people.

Walter and Jean Bjerke brought their infant daughter to Fast Sunday Service where she was blessed and given the name of Christine Marie Bjerke, by Elder C. La Moyne of the Mission Home.

Small Douglas Charles Spencer, son of Charles Douglas Spencer and Geraldine Austads, was blessed and named by Bishop Scoville on January 4.

Chosen, or Righteous People. "Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath Day." That was a command in the days of Moses and it was a command in the days of Christ and it still remains a command that tests the strength of His people. By living the commands,

Sunnyvale Ward

Fund Is Boosted At Show, Sale

Sunnyvale Ward participated in an entertaining building fund project show, which was held in the Los Altos Chapel January 31. William Stoker, president of San Mateo, presented his professional variety show. This fine affair was sponsored by the Palo Alto Relief Society, with Sunnyvale Ward contributing candy, cookies and cupcakes at a refreshment booth. The Los Altos Ward Relief Society also held a bake sale which helped to swell the building fund

Little rays o f sunshine brought joy to the homes of Brother and Sister David Tew, with the arrival of a daughter, and Brother and Sister Donald Greenwood, with the arrival of a son.

A skating party was held by the Youth Fireside at the Redwood City Rink recently. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by the 35 in attendance. Brother and Sister Phillip Nead were the chaperones.

A house party was held at the home of Brother and Sister George L. Naylor on New Year's Eve for young people of the ward. Games and dancing were enjoyed, refreshments were under direction of Judy Jensen and games were supervised by Ardis Brush. Breakfast was served at the home of Bishop and Mrs. Frank G. Hart assisted by Counselor and Mrs. Max W. Jones. An adult party was held at the home of Brother and Sister Louis Ward.

The Meet Me at Mutual program was a huge success and was under the direction of Donna Paine, Speech director. Participants included Clair Connett, Pat Connett, Gale Rockwood, Jerry Har, Lyle Brush, Jim Brown, Jon Sanders.

A combined three-ward Kitchen Karnaville was held for Explorers and Mia-Maids of Sunnyvale Second and Los Altos wards participating.

Ellis-Helvey Wedding Soon

Engaged and planning a summer wedding at the Los Anegles Temple are Miss Barbara June Ellis, the Willard E. Ellis's oldest daughter, and Julius L. Helvey II. Willard is a member of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake High Council.

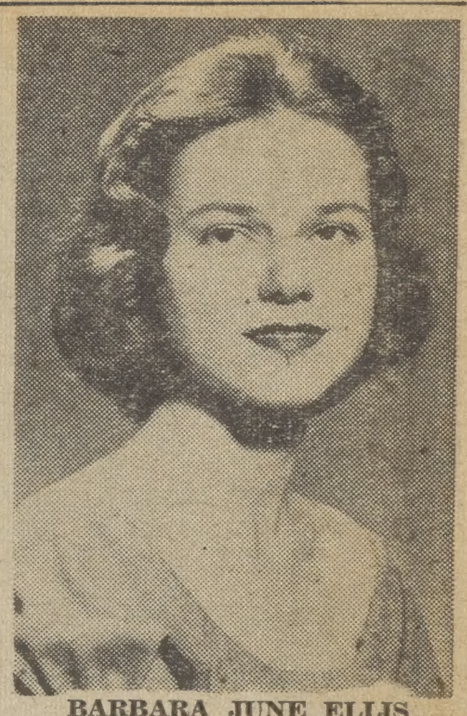
The betrothal, a surprise announcement, was revealed at the holiday tea Miss Georgie Dell McCoy, a long-time family friend, hosted at her Spruce St. residence. To the hundred guests calling during the afternoon, a framed picture of Barbara and Lou, as he is called, ringed with red roses told the romantic news.

Mrs. Adeline Turpin of Boise, Idaho, is the mother of the prospective benedict who is an Annapolis Naval Academy graduate and served four years as an officer. This June he graduates from the Stanford School of Business.

Barbara, who receives her University of California diploma with the June graduating class, prepped at Berkeley High School and the University of Utah and is a Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Her paternal grandparents are Mrs. Louise Ellis of Berkeley and the late Willard Drake Ellis, president of the Federal Land Bank in Berkeley, who was on the Oakland Stake High Council for many years, and who was prominent in the activities of building the Oakland Ward. Her maternal grandparents are Mrs. Ida Holmes and the late Ernest Holmes. Her sister Elaine attends Garfield Junior High School and her brother, Willard, is a Berkeley High student.

Relatives of the bride-elect include her uncles and aunts, Rosemary Ellis on the faculty at the University of Chicago, Dr. Frank Ellis, engaged in cancer research at a Long Beach hospital, Ann Ellis, Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Ellis, Dr. and Mrs. Grant Ellis, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Holmes of Berkeley, and Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Holmes of Lafayette.



BARBARA JUNE ELLIS

Oakland - Berkeley

Old Newspapers Solicited For Work Project

Do you have any old newspapers?

If so, they're needed for a worthy work project being conducted by the Oakland-Berkeley Stake High Priest Quorum.

The Work Project Committee of the Quorum, headed by Wilford M. Dean of Berkeley, as chairman, is asking for help to keep the project moving.

"Through this project some of our senior brethern can have at least part-time work to supplement their incomes and keep themselves busy," said Brother Dean.

"We sincerly thank all who have contributed," he added. "However, this is a permanent undertaking because the need is always with us: We have markets for many tons of shredded and sorted paper which we have not been able to supply."

The papers are hauled to the stake building in El Cerrito where they are shredded for market by senior members working on a part-time basis.

"Old newspapers are a bad fire hazard," said Brother Dean. "Your committee will take this risk off your hands if you will bring them to your ward chapel or notify any high priest."

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Peter Kenners Now In Boston Following Wedding, Reception

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Glen Kenner (Thelma Louise Gardner) are established in their Boston home where Elder Kenner is a second year student at Tufts Dental School. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoi B. Gardner, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Kenner, were informed that the popular young couple had a safe trip across the continent following their recent wedding.

They were married at the Los Angeles Temple by President Benjamin L. Bowring, following which the Gardners gave a reception in their honor at the University of California Alumni House.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING the wedding the bridal party gathered at the Benenew in Los Angeles for a wedding breakfast. At this affair hosted by the Kenners, the bridal party was joined by Mrs. Hazel Cranney of Salt Lake City, Elder Kenner's grandmother, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Harless of Long Beach.

The bride, who has been an interior decorator, was graduated from Berkeley High School and the University of Utah, where her sorority was Kappa Kappa Gamma. She is secretary of the Bay Area chapter of the Utah U. Alumni Association. Peter also attended Berkeley High and the University of Utah and also attended the University of California.

The bride received reception guests in a sheath of lustrous pearlized white satin, the floor-length skirt falling to a sweep train in the back. Folds of satin molded the bodice and sleeves of the gown. Sprays of pearls fashioned the crown, to which the bride's shoulder-length veil of French illusion was gathered. Her old fashioned nosegay was of roses and stephanotis.

Mrs. Alan H. Barker of Provo, Utah, the former Joanne Gardner, was her sister's matron of honor. She was dressed in moss green velveteen, as were the bridesmaids, Mrs. LeRoi B. Gardner, Jr., of Salt Lake City; Mary Kenner, the bridegroom's sister, and Mary Ann Maughan, of Salt Lake City, Thelma's cousin.

THE BRIDE'S NIECES, Betsy and Tina Barker of Provo, were flower girls in organdy dresses, over which they wore pinafores of moss green velveteen. Both carried nosegays of white of white flowers, miniatures of those carried by senior attendants.

Best man was Lee Kenner, brother of the bridegroom. Ushers were LeRoi B. Gardner, Jr., of Salt Lake City; Dr. Alan H. Barker of Provo; David P. Gardner, the bride's cousin; Wes Odell and Warren Sibert.

Out of town guests attending the reception in Berkeley were the P. A. Maughans and their children, Mary Ann and Mickey, the junior LeRoi B. Gardners, the Robert C. Pixtons and Mrs. Cranney, all of Salt Lake City, and the Joseph Bentleys of Provo. A large crowd of Bay Area people also attended.

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Honor Won By 2 LDS Girls

Two of Three Good Citizenship awards made by the Copa de Oro chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, this year, went to girls from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Judith Eliason of Encinal High, and the Alameda ward; and Parry Rae Felt, Fremont High School, and Oakland Fourth ward. These girls were honored, along with the third winner, Susan Haag of Alameda High School, at a luncheon December 22, when they received their awards.

The award is based upon dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

Parry Rae Felt has recently won other honors: she was elected vice president of the Fremont high school, and in that same month was among nine Fremont high school representatives to receive awards at the annual OPHA (Oakland Press Honor Association) dinner. Fremont High's senior cheer leader, she also received, in early December, an Americanism award offered by a local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. A senior at Fremont, she was student body president at junior high, and during her first year at Fremont was a class rep and a member of student council. She has served as a reporter for the school paper, "Green and Gold" and her student activities at Fremont have included serving in the delegate assembly. She is the daughter of Mrs. H. W. Soare, 3105 High Street.

Judith Eliason, a senior at Encinal high, is a secretary of the Girls Board of Control and the California Scholarship Federation, president of Chi Mu (music honor society) and a representative to the student council. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Eliason, 1512 Bay Street, Alameda.

DOUBLE SESSION

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time classes will be smaller and more comfortable. The division was made by last names, those having names beginning with A to M, inclusive, going to services first.

Coordination on the part of all members while moving from classes made the system work smoothly the first Sunday of its operation. Everyone cooperated, even the weather.

MY TESTIMONY

By Mabel B. Liddell

A letter, written in old style script, 127 years ago in Indiana, containing a fervent testimony of the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon, was found recently in Anaheim, California. Mrs. Fannie Leasure was going through an old trunk that belonged to her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, when she saw underneath some tissue paper at the bottom of the trunk this very old letter. It was covered by a folded paper that was sealed in the old fashioned way with sealing wax. The postmaster had addressed the letter to Moses Jones of Grasscreek, Indiana.

Mrs. Leasure was about to burn it without examining the contents but thought better of it and read the letter. She is non-Mormon but she felt that her daughter-in-law, Claire Leasure, a devoted Latter-day Saint, would be interested so she gave it to her.

As far as is known, none of the children of Stephen Jones, the writer, accepted the Church, or ever his children's children—but now after 127 years his testimony will inspire the hearts of his grandchildren of the fifth generation. Mrs. Claire Leasure has four children, and of these, Roger Wayne Jr. will soon be ordained a Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood.

Surely God had a hand in the safe keeping of this precious letter, and we are indebted to Mrs. Nellie Daniels of San Francisco Ward, Roger's grandmother, for giving a copy to us. The letter follows:

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December 2, 1831

Dear Children:

I once more take up my pen to inform you that I enjoy a tolerable state of health. Hope this may find you all enjoying the same blessing which ought to be a matter of thanks to God. I feel it so to wish you all may also.

Perhaps you may be desirous to know how I make a living. I can with propriety say that I have aplenty, having been blessed and prospered much in everything I have undertaken but cattle. Of them I have lost three since I have been here but not any discouraged at that.

Now a matter of more consequence lays on my mind which I hope may occupy yours also—for by means of a new revelation (to wit) The Book of Mormon which is now in the family. Said book contains a record of a fallen people that once inhabited this land, they being of the House of Israel and Tribe of Joseph and for their transgression they were swept off. All except a remnant of the Lamanites, by us called Indians. Said people in the first year of the reign of Zedekiah, King of Judah, were led by the hand of God from Jerusalem to this land. They kept a record from the time they left it down to the time of their destruction which was more than 420 years from the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ of which they had a sign in this land. At this time it was written by a Prophet of the Lord whose name was Moroni. And after being in secret from the world until the year 1829 said record was handed by an angel to Joseph Smith on plates of gold, witnessed by Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer and Martin Harris. This will seem marvelous in your eyes but it is no more so than true. Therefore, I, your affectionate parent, counsel you as you regard your eternal welfare not to mock at it for I have a witness of the truth of it within me by the power and spirit of God who is merciful to all who call upon him with sincerity of heart.

Now I wish you if you can obtain one of the books to read carefully and ask the Eternal Father in the name of Jesus Christ to manifest the truth of it to you and if you do so with pure intent it surely will be granted. Read the prophecy of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel and Malachi for they all toward the last of the books speak of times and judgments that will take place in this very generation.

I drop the subject and wish you, Benjamin to see to Mary Ann. I sent you word by Job Strawn to have her choose you her guardian.

Adieu for the present. I subscribe myself your affectionate parent.

Stephen Jones

Singles Hold House Party; Plan Events

By Emily King

The LDS Singles Club's newest social event is the house party, which was launched at Emily King's house Jan. 16. Games were played, songs sung, and food eaten—all with gusto! The hostess enjoyed the evening as much as the guests and is ready, very ready, to invite them again. What better recommendation could any group have?

The Singles, who are unmarried church members between 25 and 49, plan their usual agenda for February, and cordially invite any interested church members or officers to attend:

A fireside was held Feb. 1 at Oakland Fourth Ward, 4705 Virginia Ave.

Dances will be danced on the second and fourth Saturdays, Feb. 14 and 28, again at Oakland Fourth, which is situated between Monticello and High Streets below MacArthur Blvd.

A special event comes up on the third weekend. Current campaigning is for a Snow Trip, a Theater Party, or another Houseparty. Decision is to be made at the fireside. What's your vote?

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Berkeley Second Ward

Telephone Call From 'Down Under' Cheers LeRoy Richards And Wife

By Vaunee T. Larson

How do you think you would feel answering the telephone and discovering you were talking to some loved ones 5400 miles away? This happened to Brother and Sister S. LeRoy Richards when they each talked with all of the Boyacks in New Zealand. Son Edward, listening in at his Burbank home, arranged this three way hook-up as a surprise for his parents on Christmas morning, 8:20 here, but 4 a.m. the following day, summertime in New Zealand, when the families exchanged greetings. The Richards' recently received a recording of a Home Night where all the Boyacks took part. With 30 scouts from his Church College, Cliff attended the first New Zealand Pan-Pacific Jamboree. His group made and took along to Auckland, the meeting place, a large Indian teepee tent which caused much interest.

Friday, February 13 is the date of the semi-formal MIA Valentine Dance. Bill Owens' orchestra will provide the music for this family fun affair.

Enthusiastically working for the March of Dimes is Barbara Hulme, Chairman of the drive in Kensington. She heads about 120 workers.

Tom Hopkins with the Navy Band on the USS Macon, part of the Admiralty staff, is in Cannes, France. He will be in the Mediterranean area until the last of May. Happy over his new rating, he is now Petty Officer, Musician 3rd Class. He spent his Christmas with the missionaries at Nice. His father, Arthur Hopkins, won first prize in the business division of the El Cerrito Christmas decorations contest, with a tree made of pipes and plumbing supplies.

President and Mrs. Franklin Harris, formerly of the Y, are visiting at the home of their daughter, Helen Jenson.

Dolores Roberts, senior at Albany High School, won the Girls' League Talent Show with her vocal solo. She is a vocal student of William Stoker in San Francisco, president of San Mateo Stake.

Because of her successful day assignment as a science student teacher at Portola Junior High, Sue Holmes was selected to appear on the TV program, "Career Opportunities" over KQED and help question the guest speaker, a Lockheed representative.

Gayle Evans, president of the Girls' Association of Garfield Junior High was in charge of their successful fashion show featuring fashions for teens.

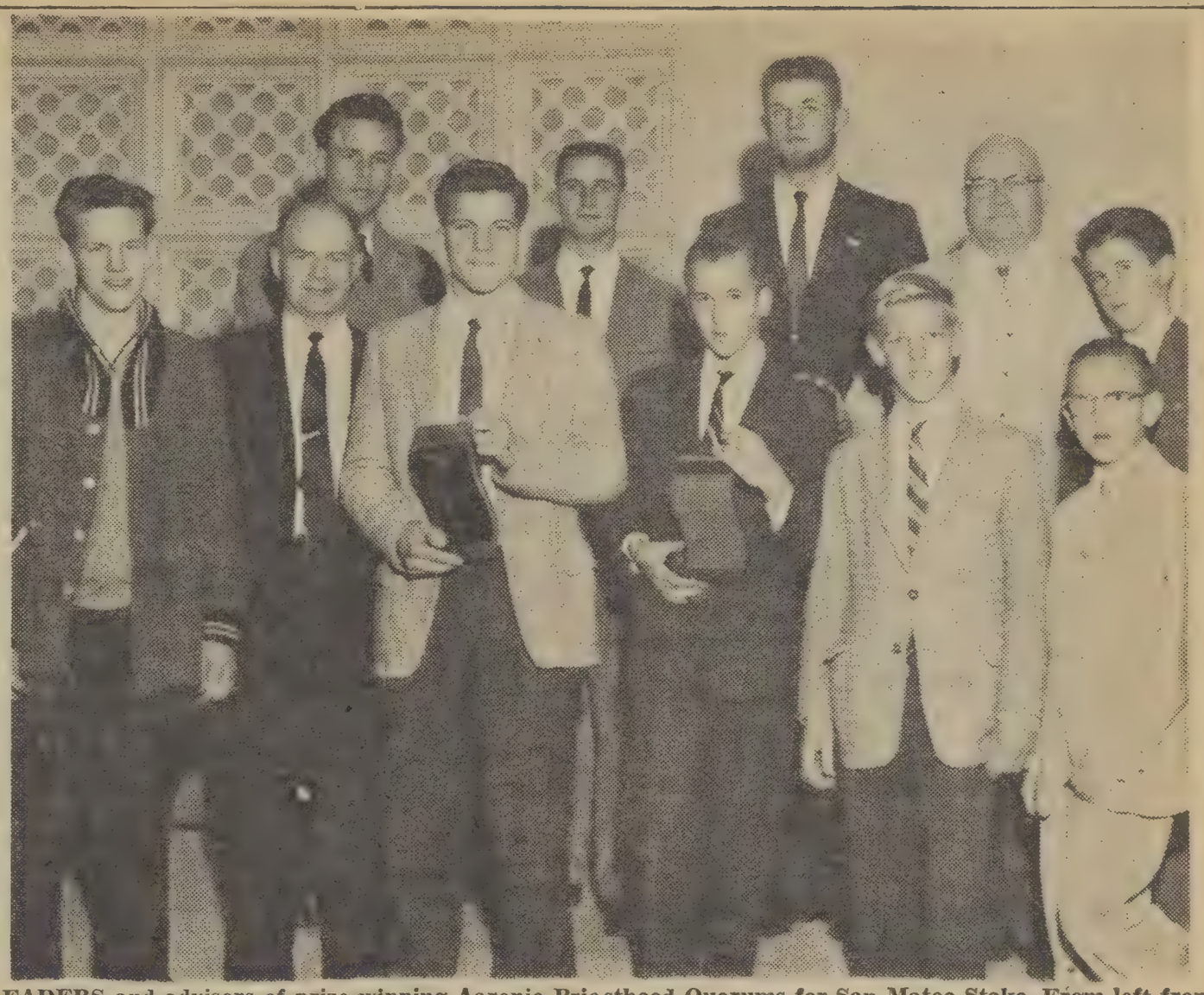
Lucky Cal students Paul Braby, Bill Owens and Steve Roland flew to the Rose Bowl game where they met Merv Rasmussen who had driven down with his family. The young men accepted an invitation to stay at the home of their classmate, Lance Wickman, during their four day visit.

Lois Sloan who underwent a serious operation has had her mother, Sister Peterson of Portland visiting her.

Brother Raymond, father of Lettie Hale, was cheered up immensely following his operation with the arrival of three of his children from Idaho: Mr. and Mrs. Orson Raymond and daughter and Mrs. S. R. Green of Menan, and Mrs. W. L. Allen of Pocatello.

A faith-promoting experience was that of witnessing the confirmations and blessings of a sweet and humble young family who now join the husband and father in the church. Catharine Gain, wife of Thomas Gain, and son Michael were confirmed and James was blessed.

New deacons are Peter Roland and Mike Allison. New members of Sister Naomi Layton's class following their baptisms and confirmations are Elaine Owens, Paul Ricks, Tana Derr, and Brian Hellwig. Babies blessed were David Gill, Stephen Rex Gardner and Mary Mae Sadler.



LEADERS and advisors of prize-winning Aaronic Priesthood Quorums for San Mateo Stake. From left front row, Larry Nelson, San Mateo Second Teachers; David G. Shaw, Teachers Advisor, San Mateo Second; John Crew, Teachers President, San Mateo Second; John Klein, President, Redwood City Deacons, with Doug Alsop, First Counselor and Warren Meier, Second Counselor; (back row) Seymore P. Steed, Sharp Park Branch President; Robert Lee Keating, Sharp Park Priests President; David Sutton, Secertary San Bruno Priests; Roy C. Markow, Advisor Redwood City Deacons, and Richard Harris, Redwood City Deacons Secretary.

How Family Won Paper-rolling Contest In Ward

By Dallas S. Burch

How the four young children of Roland and Donna Renshaw enabled that family to win the Los Altos Ward's paper-rolling contest was disclosed early in January, following the bishopric's brief announcement of the winner. Among the many families participating, the Renshaws topped the field with 35 rolls of paper weighing more than 500 pounds and having a sale value of more than $10 to augment the ward's welfare fund. Carefully rolled newspapers are eagerly sought by florists, nurserymen, and other groups.

The industrious efforts of the family's four children — Sandra, Nancy, Jimmie, and Ronnie — ranging from 5 to 13 years contriuted mainly to the large poundage of paper, through good organization under the parents' direction made the program click.

Other factors contributing to the achievement were: An ad in the community paper, rock-and-roll music, TV entertainment, cooperative neighbors, and the children's small wagon used for making collections. A small ad several months ago, asking for contributions of newspapers, brought an influx that still continues. Watching certain TV programs was conditional on the children's rolling papers on the floor in front of the set. Rock-and-roll music, whether on TV or radio, proved to have a stimulating effect on arms and fingers, during the rolling process. And telephone calls from neighbors to come and get more papers provided both an incentive and a means of attaining a large total poundage.

The prize for winning the contest, in progress since last fall, is the family's selection of a religious book from a list of many available. The ward's bishopric requests that all members continue their paper-rolling efforts since the sale of paper is an excellent source of revenue for welfare purposes.

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Aaronic Groups Given Awards

Awards for Aaronic Priesthood activity during the year of 1958 were presented in general priesthood meeting for San Mateo Stake January 17.

Aaronic Quorums were judged on excellence in ten categories. First place winners were awarded a plaque on which the names of the quorum would be engraved. Second place winners were given a mounted certificate.

First place winners were: Priests Quorum, Sharp Park Branch; Teachers, San Mateo Second Ward; Deacons, Redwood City Ward.

Second Place: Priests quorum, San Bruno ward; Teachers, Redwood City ward; and Deacons, San Mateo Second.

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LEADERS OF SEVENTIES QUORUMS who headed successful year-end regional dance at Interstake Social Center. From left, Wilford "Bill" Pennock, 273rd Quorum chairman; Louis Johnson, 247th Quorum, general chairman; Arnold Smeldey 380th Quorum chairman, and Robert W. Chalmers, 399th Quorum chairman, taking over for chairman Paul G. Corbridge who was unable to attend. Photos by Al Scheuller of the 380th Qourum.

3-Stake Seventies Dinner-Dance At Center Proves Huge Success

The biggest event ever undertaken by the Seventies in the East Bay area was the Tri-Stake Seventies dinner dance sponsored by the 247th Quorum of Seventies under direction of President Louis L. Johnson, chairman of the Church Service Committee.

Joining the 247th were three other quorums. These were the 273rd, of Berkeley, President Wilford Pennock, chairman; the 380th, of Hayward, President Arnold Smedley, chairman, and the 339th, of Walnut Creek, of which Paul G. Corbridge, was chairman.

280 Couples

Held at the new East Bay Interstake Center, the affair was an outstanding success, with 280 Seventies and their wives attending, more than 50 per cent of the membership of the four quorums. All members received invitations and door prize cards by mail and several substantial prizes were given. The only admission charge was the pie or salad brough by members; all other food was bought and prepared by the committee.

The evening started by the serving of the first course of a six-course dinner under direction of Wendell C. Martin of the 247th quorum and his committee. Stereophonic music, provided by President Armis J. Ashby, was played throughout the evening.

After the opening prayer the evening was planned so that all serving and cleanup would be done by persons other than Seventies, so that all Seventies could relax and enjoy themselves. The serving was done by the MIA age girls of the four Oakland area wards and the dishwashing and cleanup, by the Fifth Quorum of Elders of Oakland Ward.

Several members of the three stake presidencies and high councils of the three stakes, and their wives, attended.

The program was under direction of Wayne McKinley of the 380th Quorum and was presented between the main course of roast beef and the dessert of apple pie alamode. The program included:

Richard Stam, First Quorum of Elders, sang to his own guitar accompaniment, and he and his bride, Joan Russel Stam, sang "Winter Wonderland."

Neil O. McCarthy of the 380th Quorum played a piano solo and a member of the Bonnie Nickolette Dance Studio did a hula dance.

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SEVENTIES AND THEIR PARTNERS from four quorums enjoy dancing following dinner at Interstake Social Center in East Oakland. The affair was so successful it will be held annually in future.

Rodeo Ward

Sixth Aaronic School Opened

By Una Ellsworth

The Senior Aaronic Stake School, No. 6, opened on Jan. 8, with a good attendance.

A social and potluck dinner will be held in the Vet's Hall on Feb. 28, from 7:30 to 8:30. Brother Thomas Ferguson will be the principal speaker following the dinner hour.

The Mutual held another successful rummage sale in Bayo Vista Auditorium in December. Sister Majestic was in charge. Brother and Sister Majestic have a thrift shop in their home, with many valuable and worth while items for sale. Their address is 2333 Dolores Ct., Pinole Estates.

The LDS Boy Scout Troop, No. 140, had another successful paper drive Jan. 17. The troop and its leader, Arlan Haroldson are grateful for the public response.

A bus with central heating and a microphone, operated by brother Ray Byors, was at the disposal of the ward singing group who toured the El Sobrante, Pinole and Mount Alvin areas following Sacrament meeting, Dec. 21, and sang carols for two hours.

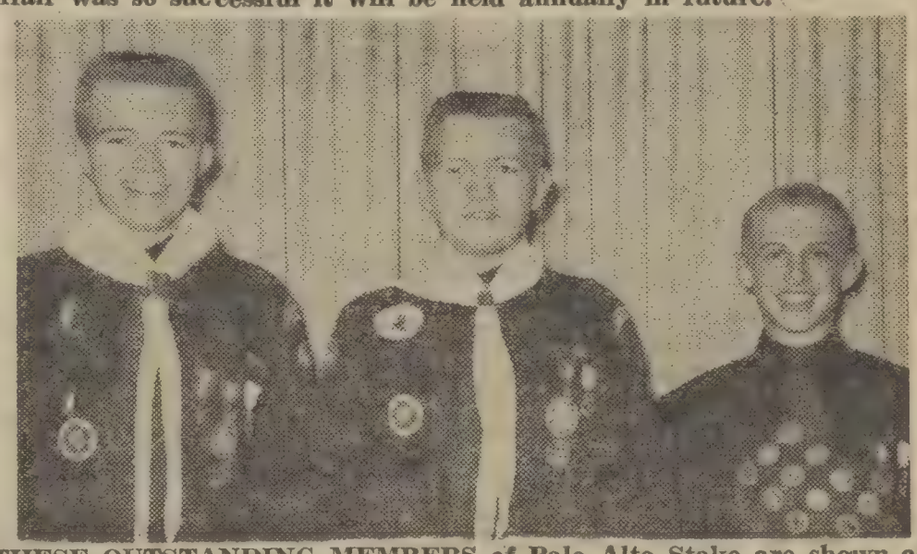
We welcome sister Florence Pryor back with us, following major surgery. Irene Towry also was hospitalized with a severe hand infection. Happy to have these sisters home again.

Sister Una Ellsworth wishes to thank all Ward members, especially Bishop Vernal and sister Horn, their Counselors, Sister Florence Wanlass, Relief Society President and all her many friends for their kind deeds, comforting words and messages of sympathy, during the short illness and following the death of her Mother, Mrs. Bertha Hoover on Dec. 17, at her Rodeo home.

Queen Of Ball

By Louis B. Ward

About 500 young people in attendance at Fremont High School's annual Christmas ball in Sunnyvale, saw Elaine Larsen, daughter of brother and sister Rex F. Larsen, 828 Mulberry Lane, Sunnyvale crowned queen.



THESE OUTSTANDING MEMBERS of Palo Alto Stake are shown as they receive the Explorer Silver Award. From left, they are Brion Norton, LeRoy Norton and Lynn Hart, all of whom have excelled in school and Church work, as well as in Boy Scout and Explorer activities. Lynn also received the Eagle Scout Award, and LeRoy and Lynn are to be presented with the "Duty to God" award. (Photo by Don Norton, 451 Loma Verde, Palo Alto)

Palo Alto Second

Three Explorers Win High Honors

By June M. Darby

It was an eventful night recently for three Palo Alto Second Ward Explorers. At the Palo Alto Stake Court of Honor held at the Palo Alto Chapel, Lynn Hart, LeRoy Norton, and Brion Norton were presented with the Explorer Silver Award. There have been only seven such Silver Awards presented in the Stanford Area Council.

Lynn had a double award; he also received the Eagle award.

Brother Thomas Curtis of the Sunnyvale Ward was in charge of the presentation. A number of other scouting awards were presented to deserving Scouts.

Later this month LeRoy and Lynn will receive another outstanding award—the "Duty to God" award for faithful active participation in their religious duties.

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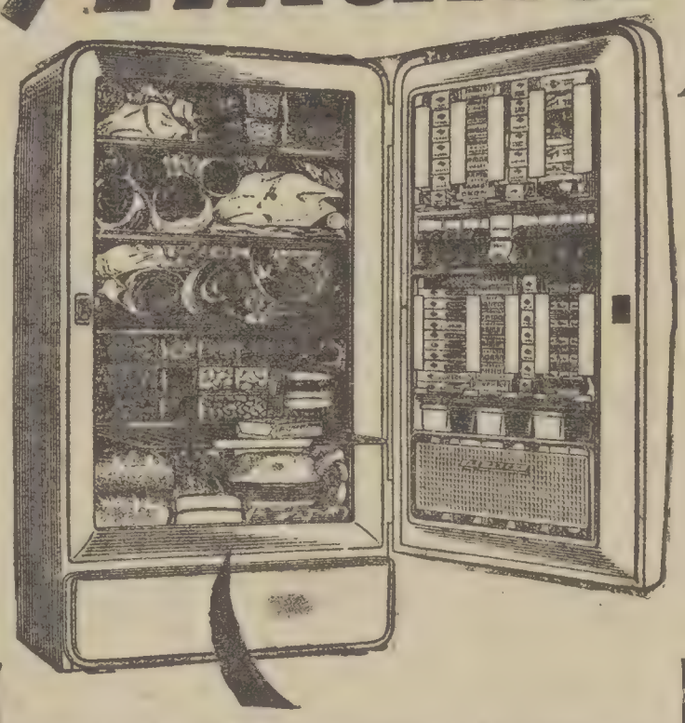

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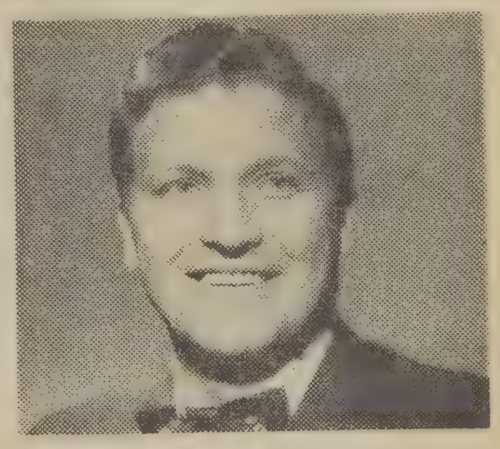

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Clifton Boyacks Send Greetings From New Home In New Zealand

The Clifton D. Boyack family, which has been in New Zealand, has sent greetings to the family's many friends in the Bay Area, following the recent Christmas vacation in summer. Dr. Boyack is headmaster (president) of the Church College of New Zealand, having been called to the position by President David O. McKay before the completion of the beautiful new college and temple.

Dr. Boyack was principal of three schools in Berkeley, was in the bishopric of Berkeley Second Ward, and he and members of his family have thousands of friends in the Church and otherwise in the Bay Area. Here is his letter, describing some of the family's activities in New Zealand:

After more than a year away from our friends and loved ones, we are still finding many new and fascinating things about the country and people of new Zealand. We have enjoyed seeing a small part of the country and hope during the vacation time to visit other spots of interest . . .

Our 87-acre campus is getting more beautiful all the time as the crews complete the landscaping; and all of our facilities, for this year have been completed and are in full use.

We have had a very interesting visit from the NZ Department of Education school inspectors. Four of these experienced educators spent the better part of three days in our school, visiting classes, talking with students and making a general evaluation of the school. Their eight-page report shows their keen interest and wholehearted approval of the progress that has been made this first year. The school has now been fully accredited as a post-primary college in New Zealand, and our scholarship recommendations have been accepted . . . There will be just over 100 students "sitting" the school certificate examination . . .

> The senior part of our college will develop gradually during the next two or three years. . . With an enrollment of from 450 to 500 boarding students next year, we feel sure we will keep busy. . .

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Sue has completed a year at the Auckland Teachers Training College, which has included as a part of the course a study of actual teaching experience in three different primary schools. She has enjoyed it very much and has related many interesting stories and experiences about the life of a beginning teacher trainee in NZ. . .

Don has been life guarding at the college pool, and is planning to "sit" his school certificate examination, which is the leaving examination equivalent to high school graduation in the States. . . If he is successful he will start in the Sixth Form or Junior College program next year. . .

As part of their Summer vacation Don and Cliff attended the Pan-Pacific Boy Scout Jamboree held at Auckland Jan. 3-10. Thirty scouts from the college are making up a troop to attend the jamboree activities.

LeRoy is staying very healthy and is enjoying school at the Maeroa Intermediate School. The students and parents at his school are all very busy now planning for a big "fete" (pronounced fate, and is similar to a carnival) to raise money to build an auditorium. . . Money raised locally here by the matched by funds from the education department to make needed school improvements . . . This is their way of showing local initiative and incentive for improving their schools. . .

THE CLIFTON BOYACKS, shown with pet lamb at entrance to Church College of New Zealand, which is headed by Dr. Boyack. From left, Don, Sue, Grace, Le and Cliff, and in front Margary.

HULA HOOPER

Margary is finishing her first year in Primary School (Infants' school, as it is called here) and is now in Primer 4. . . She loves to read and write and has established quite a record as a Hula Hooper . . . Margary and LeRoy are both learning Maori songs and dances in a Maori culture class. . . We all enjoy the swimming pool and gymnasium facilities. . . We find it very convenient to have a 75-foot swimming pool in our backyard. . .

It is also wonderful to look out the window and see the Temple sitting on the hill. We feel it a great privilege to live so near to the House of the Lord. . . Grace enjoys the time she spends helping in the Temple and plays the organ twice a week. . . The organ in the college chapel is larger, and she is conducting organ classes for some of the students. . . Plans are well underway for our first annual leadership and training conference which will be held during the Summer vacation. . . This will be somewhat of a miniature of the "Y" leadership program, and from present interest will be quite an affair.

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One of every 74 people in Northern California is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but if the work of the missionaries continues on the present scale that ratio will be reduced each month.

The phenomenal record of stake and full-time missionaries was disclosed in a recent report showing that in the first 10 months of 1958 the full-time missionaries had an average of 9.1 converts per missionary. Even allowing for a holiday slow-down it appears they will have a higher yearly average than in 1957, when it was 10.8 converts per missionary.

"The full-time missionaries are urged to schedule at least 60 hours per week in active proselyting," commented Paul Summerhays, counselor in Oakland-Berkeley Stake, and former stake mission president.

"An average of 250 man hours of work is necessary for each convert baptized. The Northern California missionaries are on a seven-day week as far as active proselyting is concerned. This amount of work has produced a wonderful achievement in the number of converts."

Among the outstanding full-time missionaries in the Bay Area are Brother and Sister Elkington, of 368 Toler Avenue, San Leandro, who in 21 months saw 50 people receive baptism as a result of their efforts.

Stake missionaries too, although restricted in time, since their efforts are on a part-time basis, likewise have achieved a remarkable record, the report indicates. Local missionaries converted 1.4 persons per missionary in Northern California, the same average in the Bay Area, and slightly higher, 1.5 persons per missionary, in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

As an indication of how the work is spreading in this area, the report points out that in the East Bay area, one of every 61 persons is a member; in the United States the ratio is one to about 150; in the New York area, about one to 3,600. A powerful factor is the force of 130 members of the Church serving local missions in the East Bay area. Similar forces are working in the West Bay, Oldtimers will recall that only a few years ago the only stake in the area was San Francisco Stake.

Local missionaries in the East Bay, for example, spend about 16 hours per month in active preselyting or about two hours each time they go calling. In Northern California the average is somewhat less at about 10 hours per month in seven times out.

NINETY-FIVE YEAR old Clara Fisher Samuels is shown with her daughter, Neva Samuels Griggs, president of the San Leandro Ward Relief Society. Standing are ward's Bishop Marcel Lauper (center) and his counselors La Rue Duffin and Harold P. Hansen.

San Leandro Ward

Sister Samuels, At 95, Reads Without Glasses

Clare Fisher Samuels of San Leandro Ward, mother of President Neva Samuels of that ward's Relief Society, was 95 years old last November. She still enjoys good health and reads the newspaper without glasses.

Both Sister Samuel's parents crossed the plains before the railroad was built to Utah. Her mother's sister, Margaret Pierce, was a wife of Brigham Young. Sister Samuels remembers the many years of her girlhood spent in the Lion House in Salt Lake City with her "Aunt Margaret and Uncle Brigham." She recalls many times dining at the "long table" in the Lion House, the home of President Young's large family.

Moving as a young bride to Vernal, Utah, she became Primary president and later counselor in the Relief Society. Her long life has been filled with varied church activities.

Grandma Samuels has five living children (she had ten), 16 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. Her oldest daughter, Edith Shimmin of Ogden, Utah, was recently honored for her 40 years service to Primary children.

Victor Lindblad To Be Honored At Dinner During Boy Sccut Week

The new title for Victor L. Lindblad, retiring executive of the Mt. Diablo Council, Boy Scouts of America, is "Scout Executive Emeritus." But that "emeritus" on his title does not mean he will be really retired. Working from an office at his home in Berkeley, Elder Lindblad will be secretary of the Endowment Committee.

At the annual staff party the retiring Scout leader was presented with a book prepared under the direction of his assistant, Ray Balmforth, who is program director for the council. It contains a picture and letter from most of the men who have served on his staff in the big East Bay council.

Elder Lindblad, who is recognized as one of the outstanding leaders in the Scout movement, estimates that in the 37 years he has been a Scout executive, a quarter of a million boys have participated in the program in councils under his administration. He is a member of Berkeley Second Ward, Oakland-Berkeley Stake.

His first affiliation with Scouting was as a young man in Troop 1, Logan, Utah, in June, 1910, only a few months after the organization of the movement in the United States. He was junior leader in this troop, later became assistant scoutmaster.

During the time of his mission for the Church Elder Lindblad organized Scout troops in St. Paul, Minnesota, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1916 and 1918, and served as scoutmaster. In 1919 he was deputy commissioner in Logan.

Cache Valley Leader

He was executive in the Cache Valley Council from 1921 to 1928, executive in the Sacramento Area Council from 19928 to 1934 and executive of the Mt. Diablo Council, with headquarters in Berkeley, from 1935 to the present.

Edwin S. Pillsbury, Mt. Diablo Council president, accepting Elder Lindblad's resignation with reluctance, added: "Throughout his long period of service it has been my observation that the impact of his personality in its dedication to the citizenship training of boys is one of the most profound influences I have ever observed."

Pillsbury said that under Lindblad's administration the council membership had increased from about 2000 boys in 1934 to nearly 22,000 in 1958. Along with this, he said, is an outstanding record of quality camping, advancement, training and activities. He has concentrated on camp development projects and a sound camping program during his tenure and as a result of his sustained effort, the record of the council is among the nation's best.

National Advisor

The retiring executive has been advisor to many of the national committees on scouting and has taken an active part in local county and state actiivties. He has been a member of the Governor's Committee on Youth, of Alameda County Committee on Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency, the County Mental Health Committee, the City of Berkeley Welfare Commission and many others. He was recipient of the Human Relations Research Foundation Award for outstanding service to youth of the country in 1954, life membership in the California State PTA in 1957, is a life member of the American Trails Association and was honored for locating the Pony Express stations in California in 1935.

Elder Lindblad has held many positions with the Church, including president, Wisconsin Conference of Northern States Mission; Stake superintendent of Sunday Schools; Stake young men's MIA president; member of bishoprics in Logan Eighth Ward and Sutter Ward, Sacramento; teacher trainer director for 25 years; member of Sacramento Stake presidency and High Council in Oakland Stake.

He is a graduate of Utah State University and has taken graduate work at Stanford, Columbia and the University of California.

Scout Principles

In his recent retirement speech Elder Lindblad listed the things that Scouting is designed to accomplish.

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San Carlos Ward

Reception For F. Dee Sanfords

By Elizabeth Wells

The wedding reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. F. Dee Sanford of San Carlos, married in the Los Angeles Temple Sept. 20, was held in the Ward Recreation Hall on Nov. 29, as the couple returned from their honeymoon in Southern California.

Before her marriage, the bride was Denise Charlotte Montague, student at BYU, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren D. Montague of San Carlos. Mr. Sanford, who is Personnel and Business Manager of Sequoia High School District, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Sanford of Springville, Utah.

Mrs. Sanford wore her wedding gown of white lace over satin with trim, her finger-tip veil held in place by a pearl tiarra. Her bouquet of white orchid and stephanotis was caught by Miss Sharon Bastian.

Attending the couple at their reception were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sanford of La Puente, best man and matron of honor; the Misses Diane Keck and Diane Olson, bridesmaids who wore pale green taffeta gowns; Little Misses Ann Brinton and Marla Montague, flower girls, wore rose taffeta; hand bouquets were of fall hued chrysanthemums and oak leaves. Miss Sue Taylor presided over the guest book. Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Brinton greeted guests.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Hauber, grandparents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Montague and Mr. and Mrs. Marriott Montague.

SF Relief Society Board Holds Dinner

By Nada Fluckiger

A sumptuous holiday dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon C. Collett on Dec. 27, the guests being the San Francisco Stake Relief Society Board, their partners, the stake presidency and their wives. As the dessert was served the men were given a chance to speak, tell how they met their wives and why they married them. (It is still a secret.)

The remainder of the evening was spent in playing games, singing, sharing experiences and funny stories.

San Mateo Stake

State Achieving Fine Record In Missionary Work

During the year 1958, the San Mateo Stake Mission baptized 49 converts, with an average of 30 stake missionaries in the field, stated Raymond E. Lloyd of the Stake Mission Presidency.

In comparison with the Church as a whole, this is a good record. The over-all average is less than one per missionary per year, in stake missions. While final figures are not yet available, it is anticipated that San Mateo should rank within the first 50 of 60 stakes in the Church in converts per missionary.

On a typical month, such as last November, there were 9 Elders, 15 Seventies, 3 High Priests and 7 women missionaries in the stake. They went out 315 times for a total of 452 hours of proselyting, spent 515 hours in other types of missionary work, and held 106 cottage meetings.

Part of the success of the mission in this stake is due to the training given new missionaries. When a person is called for a stake mission he is given a six-weeks training course, under the direction of Alvin L. Gentry of the Mission Presidency, who originated the course.

The course consists of one evening a week devoted to a study of the missionary plan which is a modification of the Aston system of conversion by prayer and testimony, combined with the Church program. The new missionary learns six discussions for presentation to outsiders, and in addition is given the assignments to study the New Testament, Book of Mormon and Doctrine and Covenants.

On the final night of the course, President Raynold A. Hansen attends to present ministerial certificates and have a personal talk with each missionary.

The stake is divided into three districts, each with its president. The northern district (San Bruno, Burlingame and Sharp Park), is headed by President Hal Ingram; central district (San Mateo First and Second) by President Eugene Kimball; and southern (Redwood City and San Carlos) by President Thomas E. Williams.

Good as the record of the stake mission is, there is yet some way to go. At latest count there were 395,000 Gentiles within the area of the stake, and more arriving daily.

Alameda Ward

Fund Raising Affair Planned

By Gaylene Vincent

The Alameda Ward Relief Society is planning a fund raising affair in the form of a Fashion show and luncheon March 17 at 1 p.m. Rhea Nelson is chairman and Dorothy's Sportwear of Alameda is furnishing beautiful clothes to be modeled by ward members.

Our first Ward Welfare Dinner of the year was a happy "Round-Up" in western style. Barbecued beef headed the menu with pie a la mode dessert. The evening was completed with an enjoyable program. Joyce Tedders was chairman of the affair.

SCOUTS DROP

Seven scouts of Alameda Wards Troop 16; Ray Goodfellow, Robert De Celle, Roland Podwys, Roy Eastman, Terry Fralick, and David Mangum, took a trip Dec. 31 to Rancho Seco which belongs to the scoutmaster, Robert De Celle. They attended church in Placerville and were honored at a Saturday night dance sponsored by the MIA.

Hazel Bangerter visited in Salt Lake City for a week to attend the wedding of her grand-daughter, Marla Bangerter, when she became the bride of Dale Horne, Dec. 30. Bishop Allred married them and a Temple ceremony will take place in the near future.

Oscar and Mildred Fontano spent the week of January 5 in Los Angeles performing Temple work.

Erma Lanes brother, Delles Manning and wife spent Christmas week with the Lanes. For the past 10 years the Mannings have lived in the Orient where he was an Air Force civilian employee. They are stationed at Hill Field, Utah.

A double baby shower was held at Mildred Fralick's home January 14th for Joy Van Ry and baby Kenneth, also for Helen Kay and baby Christine.

The Primary Homebuilders entertained their fathers at the ward January 23 with a "Daddy Holiday" consisting of a pot-luck dinner and games.

Navy orders sent Jerry Dill to Japan the first of February for about six months. We will miss him but are happy his wife, Ruth, will remain in our ward during that time.

On the sick list this past month were S. K. Mortensen, Lue Seavers, La Vina McRae, Ruth Dill and Shelly Morton. We sincerly hope their recovery is complete.

Our condolences to Don W. Hughes and La Vina McRae at the recent loss of their brother, Bert Hughes, Dec. 28th. He was a member of the Hayward Second Ward.

Greenbrae Ward

Special Interest Class On Tuesday

The special news this month is the Special Interest class of Greenbrae Ward. This class, for any age group, meets on Mutual night, Tuesday at 7:30.

We are starting a series entitled "Great Religions of the world" based on the Life Magazine series. We will have lectures and film strips depicting all the religions.

Two of our little ones were baptised and confirmed this month: Gena Maria Steffes and Charles Antonio McCurdy.

Our Special Interest group were fortunate to have Brother Eddie Teo from the Polynesian Branch as guest speaker on International Night. Sister Walton also gave a lecture on the life of Boris Pasternak.

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EYE TO THE GOAL—Clark Webb, MIA Superintendent of Burlingame ward, practices for the Duffers Bowling League of San Mateo Stake, as Stanley Raynolds awaits his turn. Bowling is scheduled the last Saturday of each month, 7:30—9:00 p.m., at Burlingame Bowl, 1340 Howard Avenue, Burlingame, beginning January 31. Those interested may contact John Waggoner, JU 8-6652, or Rusty Reynolds, DI 2-4459. Or come as you are.Everybody welcome.

Sunset Ward

Dinner Honors Ex-Bishopric

By Ed Costa

A pot-luck dinner was given in honor of our outgoing Bishopric on December 19. Dinner was prepared and served to about 375 Sunset Ward members. A program followed after which the outgoing bishopric, Bishop Joseph R. Johnson, and his counselors, Ervin S. McDonald and Ira Gene McDaniel and Ward clerk Ralph Engel were presented with gifts from the ward.

Also in attendance were members of the Stake Presidency and and Balboa Ward Bishop and Sister Willard Barton. Former Bishop Horace Ritchie and his wife came from San Jose to be with us for the evening.

Jay Banks, counselor in the bishopric has just returned from Las Vegas where he visited with his mother and father.

Sunset Ward was happy to see many of our young people home from the BYU for the Christmas holidays. Among those at home were Evan Ray, Jr. and his sister, Karen, Carole Hoppe, Carolyn Broberg, Bill Aaron, Jim Scalmanini, a former Sunset Ward member, Ernest Middleton was also home to visit with his parents.

Congratulations to the newlyweds, Brother and Sister Roger Barrus who were married in the Los Angeles Temple in December.

Los Altos Ward

Ronald Peterson New President Of 2nd Branch In French Mission

By Dallas S. Burch

Ronald M. Peterson a missionary of the Los Altos Ward assigned to the French Mission has been named president of the branch of the Church at Geneva, Switzerland. He succeeds Elder Griffin, the former branch president, who has become district president in the French Mission, with headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. The Mission extends to portions of countries, adjacent to France, where French is customarily spoken.

The selection of Elder Peterson, by Mission president Christensen, is considered a recognition of his ability, sincerity, and humbleness—all of which are noteworthy in view of the fact that the young missionary from Los Altos was a convert less than three years ago.

IN RECENT LETTERS, to his parents, Maurice and Elizabeth Peterson of the Los Altos Ward, their 22-year-old son tells of his new responsibilities and recent experiences. His duties as branch president has already included: Responsibility for the size of the monthly budget, holding tithing settlements, interviewing persons for baptism and worthiness to go to the Temple (at Bern), presiding over Sunday meetings, planning for talks two months ahead, heading a building-fund project, and teaching an Aaronic priesthood class.

His recent experiences in the mission field has ranged from edministering to the sick to addressing meetings at which moslems were present. His letters abound in expressions of his dependance on divine guidance and counsel. Adding occasional flavor to his serious duties have been a few recreational events, one of which was a "magnificent New Year Ball in an oriental theme" for which the Geneve Branch combined with those of Grenoble and Lyon. Elder Ronald M. Peterson's current address is: 5, rue Jean Pecolet, Geneve, Suisse (Switzerland).

Martinez Ward

LeGrande Cook New Member Of Bishopric

By Clara Carpenter

Brother LeGrande Cook is the new member of the Martinez bishopric, having been sustained at the meeting Jan. 18. He replaces Elden Puckett, who was released on the same night by Elder Hilton of the Stake Presidency. Talks were given at the meeting by Brother Keith McCune and Brother and Sister Fetts.

Mike Ahlstrom has been named as the new Guide Patrol leader. Lee Polson has been graduated from Evenson spent her Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Evenson, after which she returned to the B.Y.U. in Provo, Utah. . . Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cooper have bought a home in Martinez, at 1221 Arreba St. and will be moving in soon. . . Leslie R. Korth is home from the hospital and doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Ellis have a new son and Mr. and Mrs. Arden McMillan, a daughter.

A rummage sale will be held Feb. 12, 13, and 14 in the Wallen building. Everyone with rummage material is asked to report it at once.

Despite a double handicap the "Praise Ye the Lord Festival was a rousing success, attracting some 80 visitors. The organist became ill and the music director moved to Utah, so Florence Robinson took over the directing and Audrey Easton, the organ. President Rhoda Jennings and Della Harrison, activity counselor, worked every available minute to make the presentation a success. All four were given corsages by Kermit Perrins, and all four offer thanks to participants.

Baptisms in January and December include Pamela Mc Millan, daughter of Arden and Arlene McMillan; Lennie Syble Howard and Gloria Marie Holtz, daughter of Pat Rosenthal.

Sheila Louise Kirk, daughter of Grace Kirk, was blessed. . . Wanda Westmoreland is a new member of the ward.

Burlingame Ward

Rusty Promotes Special Interest

By Gay Taylor

When more than 70 people showed up for Special Interest class at Burlingame ward, it was a problem where to put them. The recreation hall was in use, and no classroom was large enough. So Special Interest occupied the chapel for the evening, to enjoy a slide show and lecture by Willard Mitchell on the excavation of ancient ruins of Guatamala.

The event typified the highly-successful special interest class being conducted in the ward by Margaret ("Rusty") Reynolds, who has refused to allow the customary lack of interest in Special Interest to daunt her one whit.

Though she admitted, with a laugh, "Well, yes, the class is somewhat larger than usual tonight," when 70 people showed up, it was not unusual that she should schedule a program of interest to LDS people.

Rusty Reynolds believes firmly that Special Interest should be interesting. "We've had programs on everything from world art and poetry to Beatniks."

Gospel study is not neglected. The text being used is Cleon Skousen's "Prophecy in Modern Times." One evening a month is devoted to this text. Classes the other three weeks of the month are devoted to art literature, home making, and other subjects of general interest. As an example on the week following the Guatamalan slide show, Burnett Hendryx was scheduled to review Tom Ferguson's new book, "One Fold and One Shepherd," regarding Book of Mormon evidences discovered in the excavation of ruins in Central America.

Rusty Reynolds does not believe in hiding the Special Interest light under a bushel. For an event of general interest, such as the slide show on Guatamala ruins, she sends out 100 post cards to people who may be interested, and for this event she inserted notices in the bulletins of all the wards of the stake.

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WEST BAY STAKE LEADERS attending the "thanksgiving" service on Temple Hill Jan. 25 offer their congratulations for completion of the magnificent new East Bay building, which will be for use "by many stakes." From left, they are President William Stoker, San Mateo Stake; President James Wallace Monterey Bay Stake; President David B. Haight, Palo Alto Stake, and President Serge J. Lauper, San Francisco Stake. They will have major projects of their own.

VISITING GENERAL AUTHORITIES Elder Mark E. Petersen, third from right, and elder Stephen L. Richards, second from right, were impressed by the layout of the East Bay Interstake Center. Shown with them are from left, President Milton P. Ream, Hayward Stake; President J. Leonard Love, Northern California Mission; President Norman B. Creer, Walnut Creek Stake, and at right, President O. Leslie Stone, Oakland-Berkeley Stake. The three East Bay presidents, with President Stone as chairman, acted as the general building committee in charge of the great project. Both apostles took pa rt in the graund-breaking ceremonies July 20, 1957.

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Adversary of Truth, even though countless numbers of good people do not recognize their source.

"If we could peer behind the veil into the operations of the unseen world we would discover that all these evil machinations are by premeditation and design directed against the advancement, the growth, and the triumph of Zion, and we would discover also that the greater the advancement of our Father's Kingdom the more strenuous is the effort and attack of the enemy to stay its progress.

"Indeed the breadth and severity of the war against righteousness is the enemy's recognition and apprehension of the imminence of the triumph of truth.

Pointing out that he believed everyone "in this great assembly would declare themselves for the Lord," Elder Richards added that "declarations are not adequate to make builders of Zion. It requires performance, and performance entails character and vision—character to resist and achieve, and vision to sustain faith in God and his purposes."

He said that at conferences in the building "the most important message for all mankind will be delivered—the restoration of the Gospel of our Lord. There is no other message of such vital import to every man, woman and child in the world."

Speaking directly to the young people, Elder Richards said that the building will be a gathering place for several stakes, that they could therefore meet the right young person—"who thinks as you do"—and who some day you will take as your mate. He expressed the hope that soon they will be able to go right out of this building and (pointing to the nearby hill, a proposed Temple site) be married for time and eternity.

"Be not satisfied with anything less than the best," he admonished. "There is no enduring happiness in anything but goodness."

President Milton P. Ream of Hayward Stake, the first speaker, said that "these things are ours only when we can appreciate them and use them to draw near unto our Heavenly Father. In this building we will have the inspiration of the Heavenly Father and the added power we need," he added, pointing out that it will bring the 20,000 East Bay Church members "together more as a family."

President Norman B. Creer of the Walnut Creek Stake said that although the building is just completed, it is booked solid for all of January, already for two out of three days in February and one out of every two days in March.

"We need to bring not only youths, but adults of the area—here—for one thing, to gain courage. Part of the confidence we gain through association with others in these buildings.

"This building program is not going to stop," President Creer added. "We will be building all our lives. We will be building for those who come after us. I pray that we will use this structure for the building up of the Kingdom of God."

Wendell B. Mendenhall, chairman of the Church Building Committee, said that it would be difficult to put a price tag on this building when we consider the lives of the people who will use it. This will have a great impact on the lives of hundreds of thousands of people in this area.

It is our responsibility as people of this Church to fill the earth with the Kingdom of God."

President Stone introduced a score of visiting Church leaders and many others who were directly concerned with the project. Among visiting stake presidents were the three from the west side of San Francisco Bay, President William Stoker, San Mateo Stake; President Serge J. Lauper, San Francisco Stake. President D. Edward Judd of Ensign Stake, Salt Lake City, was among the visitors.

The invocation was given by W. Glenn Harmon of the Northern California Mission ppesidency, and former president of the old Berkeley Stake, and the benediction by Delbert F. Wright, former president of the old Oakland Stake.

Led by Nico Snel, of Walnut Creek, the "largest congregation of Latter-day Saints ever to gather in Northern California," sang several favorite hymns, along with the augmented Walnut Creek Stake Choir. These included "Come, Come Ye Saints," "We Thank Thee O God for a Prophet," and "The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning." Patricia Judd Stone, daughter of President and Mrs. Judd, sang a solo and the choir sang two numbers.

Among the men singled out for special commendation were Paul E. Warnick, J. Howard Dunn and Thys Winkle, who, as President Stone said, "have really carried the ball on this project." He also lauded the work of Chairman Mendenhall, Elder Dunn and Dyke Walton of the Church Building Committee. Jim Evert, construction superintendent, was praised for finishing the job on time, despite the unusually heavy rains of the 1957-58 Winter.

President Stone and others also lauded the pioneering work of former stake and ward leaders who had helped bring about the building.

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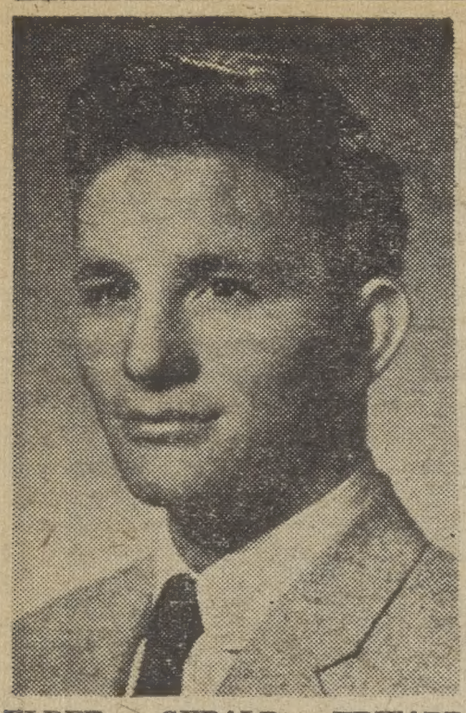

ELDER GERALD EDWARD MARTIN....To Central Atlantic States Mission.

Redwood City Ward

Gerald Martin Starts Mission In Virginia

A farewell testimonial was held at Redwood City ward for Elder Gerald Edward Martin, prior to his departure on a two-year mission to the Central Atlantic States.

After a period of training in Salt Lake City, he arrived Jan. 15 at mission headquarters in Roanoke, Virginia, to begin his missionary labors in the field. The Central Atlantic States mission comprises Virginia, North Carolina, and part of West Virginia. It has 55 branches and 75 Sunday schools. There are 11,000 members in the mission, with 155 missionaries.

Gerald Martin is the son of Dorwin E. and Kathryn Martin of 219 Hedge Road, Menlo Park. Other members of the family are Darrell, 16, Wanda, 9 and Paula, 6.

Elder Martin was born in Wathena, Kansas, in 1938. The family moved to the Peninsula when he was a baby. He was graduated from Sequoia High School in 1957, where he won letters in football and wrestling. In his senior year he won the Sequoia district Safety Economy Run. He attended night school at San Mateo Junior College, studying engineering, while being employed in construction work.

Jerry Martin is a convert. He made the fatal error of becoming attracted to a Mormon girl, then of investigating her religion. He and she, Ruth Parker, plan to marry upon his return.

At the farewell services, Ruth Packer presented two vocal solos. There were remarks by John W. Parker, Orion Packer, and Bishop William D. Brew, with response by the missionary.

San Mateo Stake

Perfect Record For High Priests

The ten members of the San Mateo Ward High Priests Group who were assigned to Ward Teaching turned in a full 100 per cent performance for the entire year of 1958. As a matter of fact, with the additional visits made by some members, the results were even better than 100 per cent.

Heading the Group assigned were Bishop Frank A. Martin and his counsellors, Adrian G. Sant and Samuel N. Judson. Also Group members, Raymond Blied, Group Leader; Arthur E. Cagle, Stake Clerk; Paul W. Fife, Stanley S. Gibb and John L. Hansen, members of the Stake High Council; John W. Kristjanson, Ward Deacon's Advisor, and Arthur W. Lohan, Ward Senior Aaronic Advisor.

An average of 69 families were visited each month, for a total of 828 visits for the year.

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when they hosted a young man from Costa Rica—Oscar Mendez, who told about his country in Spanish—this through interpretive abilities of Kathleen Perona and another guest of the group, President H. Clark Fails of the Spanish Speaking branch of the Stake, in whose home Oscar is residing while he studies in this area.

News travels fast, and when dancers of the Ward heard that Oscar was going to teach the Cha-cha-cha in a MIA session, about 50 young people were ready and waiting to dance—Latin style.

It was a wonderful party, an a January Friday eve, that honored the Walnut Creek Stake Mission presidents and their wives— Bob and Joanne Chalmers, Mary Lou and Keith McCune, and Bert and Joyce Henderson.

Charlotte Madsen and her committee planned a superb buffet dinner; Wally and Geneve Scott were in charge of dancing—and rumor has it that Evelyn Tueller's program—a satire on "expectant fathers" was really a highlight of the evening—especially since Bob, Keith and Bert all expect to occupy the maternity ward waiting room soon!

Look for lots of family fun this year—there's a hard-working entertainment committee making plans for a variety of activities. "Roob" Friedrich, chairman, and his committee members— wife Dora, Dorothy Matthews, Dewey Williams, Evelyn Tueller and advisor Bill Matthews of the Bishopric are dating a festive soiree in May; swim party in June ;the July 24 celebration; an August barbecue and another swim party prior to school-bell time.

Please put your pennies to good use, and remember that February is the Primary "penny drive" month for Children's Hospital. Primary president Nellie Allred urges that members "double their years" in pennies in support of the drive.

Already looking forward to "Daddy's Date" on Feb. 20 are the Home Builder Primary girls and their fathers . . . a nice program and refreshments are being arranged.

He's been counting again—and as a result, Sunday School superinetndent Milton Fuller has come np with the statement that Pleasant Hill 'Saints' are surely prolific—there are at least two sections in every course number to the age of 14—sometimes three. Fr' instance, Milt points out that there are 75 small-fry between the ages of five and six.

Betty Howell, Lenore Robertson, Myrna Carroll are newly sustained teachers for the nursery class of three year olds; Mona McClurg, Junior Sunday School superintendent, finds that her duties are many. She has a new chorister, Darlene Blair, who takes over Bernice Gray's batonning. Other new SS staffers are Joyce Stauffer, recently from Claremont Ward, and Ted Christensen.

It's only natural that Milton and Evelyn Fuller should be pleased as punch about their new arrival—Randal Scott, who joined the family (a sister Alison) on Jan 3. After all, it isn't every young man who can weigh in at 10 pounds 11½ ozs.

Evelyn's mother, Sister Elva Palmer of Albuquerque, N.M. was on hand to greet the new arrival—and visited for about three weeks.

And it's lullaby time again at the home of Rex and Reta Spendlove, whose 9 pound, 6 ounce daughter, Lisa Janette arrived Jan. 10 to join Cheri, Alan and Debbi. Rex's sister, Maxine Shattuck of San Jose ,was a welcome visitor.

The Don Coffin family vacationed in Idaho, and came home full of renewed enthusiasm about their native state. . . the Friedrich's Diane is studying at home since an emergency appendectomy. . . . but hopes to be back in school in time for the Valentine exchange.

Although it's still 11 more months 'til Christmas, it isn't too early to say how much we are looking forward to receiving another sparkling Christmas letter from Bishop Ira Somers and his Ede, way back east, and, closer to home—from the H. Clark Fails family in Concord. What a wonderful way they have of sending holiday greetings to their friends!

VICTOR LINDBLAD

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9. It is to capitalize on the glory of God's great out-of-doors.

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11. It is to offer the boy an ethical code of conduct; a human program wherein he can express his spirituality normally and objectively.

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Elder Lindblad will serve the Boy Scouts in an advisory capacity, maintaining an office in his home. He and his wife, Ada, who also has kept busy in Church work, reside at 956 Arlington Ave., Berkeley.

NEWLY ENGAGED and planning an early-September marriage in the Los Angeles Temple are Joanne Bybee and Carl Byers, of Oakland, both students at the Brigham Young University. Joanne is the daughter of Curtis R. and Mary Bybee, of Oakland Fourth Ward ,of which Elder Bybee, now on the High Council of Oakland-Berkeley Stake, formerly was bishop. Carl, son of Normand and Mildred Byers, was introduced to the gospel through Joanne's letters while he was in the Marine Corps for three years. He was converted by further study and missionary work while in the service. They met while both attended Fremont High School in Oakland but it took three years of steady correspondence while he was in the service to bring them together.

Redwood City Ward

Men To Work, Women, Relax, On February 23

February 28 will be the men's night to howl at Redwood City Ward. And the ladies' night to sit back and enjoy it.

On that date will be the men's dinner listed as a "first annual" affair with the rosy optimism of those who haven't yet tried it once

The gimmick is that the men do everything. They cook. They decorate. They plan. They set the tables and clear them away. They wash the dishes. All the women do is help eat the food.

The High Priests are going to handle the menu. The Senior Aaronics will do the serving and the cleaning up afterwards And the Elders will sell the tickets. Lynn Austin of the bishopric is in overall charge of the shindig.

The women of the ward are looking on with interest. Some have been observed taking notes.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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Time: — Winning Oration to be delivered at the Liahona Club's Annual Ladies Night Banquet, Monday, March 15, 1959, at 7 p.m. at Oakland Ward's chapel on Temple Hill.

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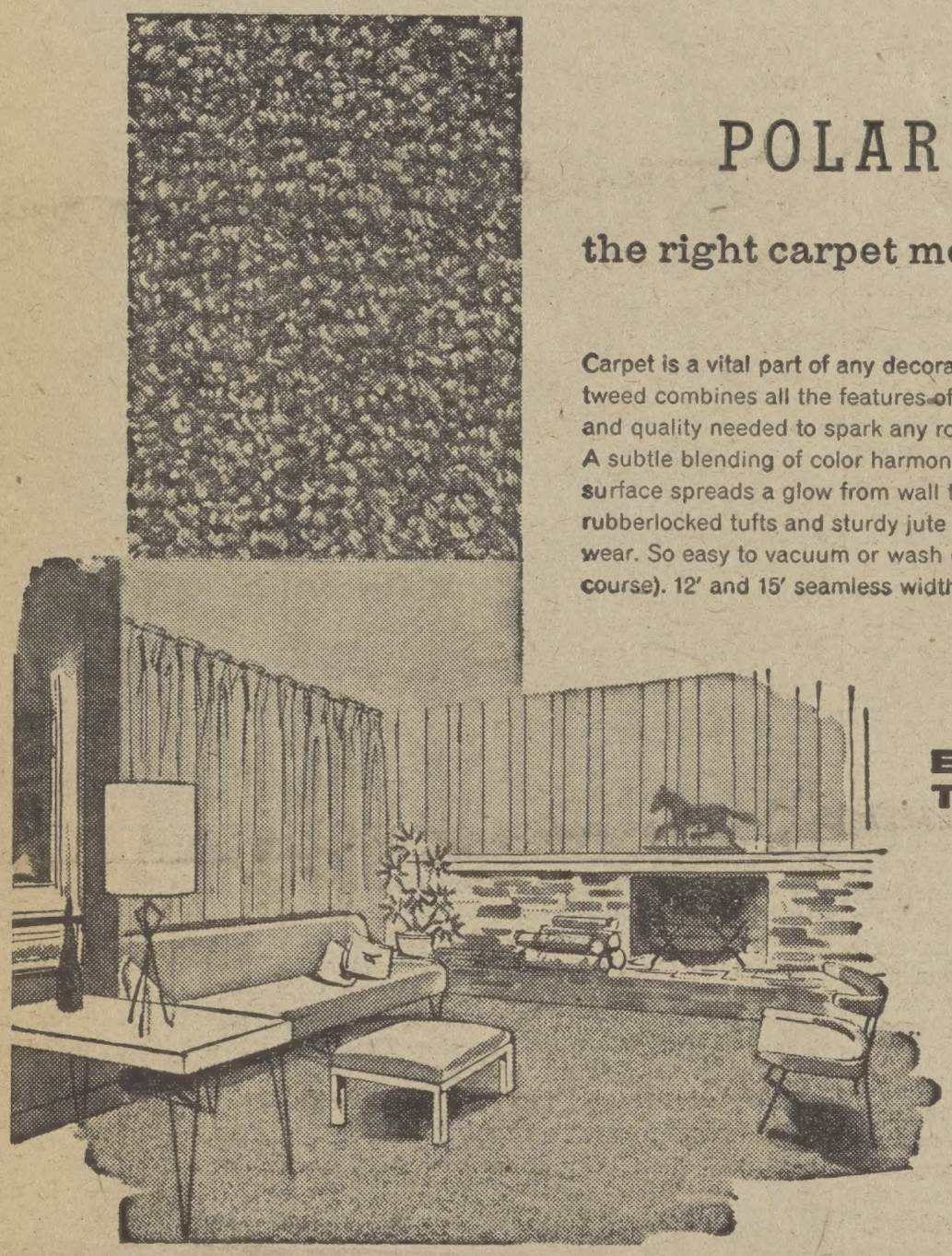

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